

HISTORY of SOCCER in NORTHERN NSW 1884 to 2000
and SYDNEY & SOUTH COAST 1880 to 1957

This history covers Australian international matches from the first game 1921 until the breakaway Soccer Federation in 1957.

Northern NSW (Newcastle and the Northern Coalfields) is covered from 1884 to 2000. From 1884 until 1929 the controlling body in Northern NSW was the Northern District British Football Association (The NDBFA) incorporating the South Maitland British Football Association.

Sydney and South Coast (Wollongong & Coalfields) are covered from 1880 until 1957. From 1880 until 1928 the controlling body for soccer in Sydney and South Coast was the Southern District British Football Association (The SDBFA).

From 1928 to 1944 the controlling body was the NSW (State League) Soccer Football Association.

From 1943 to 1958 the controlling body was the NSW State Soccer Football Association.

From 1957 to the present the controlling body in Sydney area only was the Federation of Soccer Clubs.

From 1958 to 1967 the controlling body in Newcastle & Northern Coalfields was the Northern League.

From 1968 to 2000 the controlling body in Newcastle & Northern Coalfields was the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

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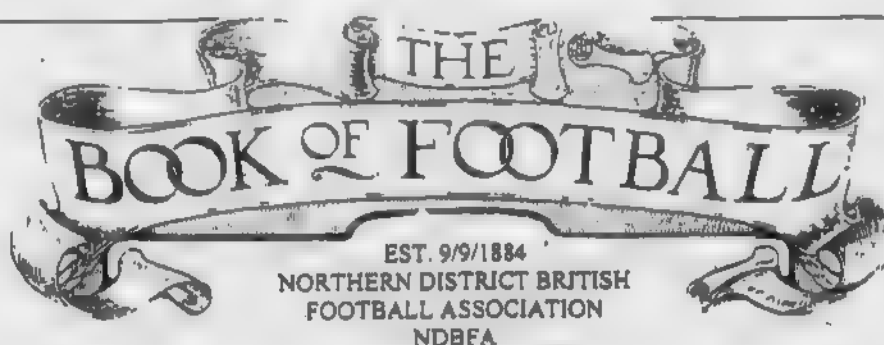
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I Love To Live.

Today...dear Lord,I am 80 years old and there's so much I have not done.

I hope dear Lord you will let me live until I am 81 ?

But then,if I have not finnished all I want to do would you please let me live until I am 82.?

So many places I want to go,so many things to see,do you think that you could manage to make it 83.?

The world is changing very fast,there is so much in store,I'd like to live to 84.?

And if by then,I'm still alive,I would like to live until I'm 85.?

More planes will be up in the air,so I'd really like to stick around and see what happens to the world when I turn 86.?

I know dear Lord,it's much to ask,and it must be nice in heaven,but I would really like to stay until I am 87.?

I know by then I wont be fast,and sometimes I will be late,but I would be so pleased to be around at 88.?

I will have seen so many things,and had a wonderful time,so

...I am sure that I'll be willing t o leave at the age of

89.?.? ?. MAYBE just one more thing,I'd like to say dear

Lord,I thank you kindly,

"But",if its OK,with you,I would like to live past 90.??

Preface

Such a lot of books have been written about other sports in Newcastle, that I thought it was time that the true facts of "REAL FOOTBALL" should be compiled.

Others sports in Australia have been eulogised over the years and the poor footballer from the north has had to be content with terse biographies.

Whilst I claim no literary expertise for this book, it is at least an honest attempt to preserve the history of this great game.

I have, as many more have honestly spent the greater part of my life for our game.

I hope this modest account of the game and its players, officials, and Referees is enjoyed by all, and that you can recall many pleasant memories of the past "GREATS" of the years gone by.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The game of Soccer emerged as a recognisable code of football when the laws and format of play were regulated by a small group of public school enthusiasts in Southern England, between October 26th and December 8th, 1863

It developed from that style of football which can be traced through the Middle Ages and Renaissance, but it is only from around 1770, in English Public Schools, that the game took on its recognisable modern shape.

At Charterhouse Eton, Harrow, Repton, Westminster, and Winchester, the dribbling game was seen both to suit local fields of play and to fit the new educational ideas being introduced to the public schools system at this time. Drs Arnold and Butler's education tenets "Godliness and Good learning" soon became "Godliness and Manliness" (with some help from Charles KINGSLEY) and the strenuous dribbling game with its emphasis on sportmanship, discipline and team loyalty, provided a vehicle for instilment of these ideas.

However, owing to the insularity of these institutions, the game developed in various forms, with each school boasting its own set of written or unwritten rules, from the mid 1840s. Indeed, the confusion which resulted over the localised nature of the game's rules prompted the drafting of the "Universal Footballing Code" in 1884, this which later became known as "Cambridge Rules" governed the increasingly popular game at Cambridge University and confirmed the pronounced drift away from the "Catch and Kill", "Catch and Run", towards the dribbling game.

"Such matches were played regularly at Cambridge in the 1850s and, inevitably, the rules were taken to the country at large, via its graduates. In 1855 for example, the Sheffield Club (England's second oldest Football Club,) WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF OLD HARROVIANS., who persuaded local village footballers not to handle the ball; allegedly by providing the players with white gloves and florins to clutch during the game.

In 1859, Harrovians formed the Forrest Club in Essex, playing makeshift games against "ad hoc" local teams. Even then, their opponents were mostly composed of old public school boys with a very limited card of matches. Despite these initial difficulties, the game continued to permeate the country, through the good offices and enthusiasm of ex public school and Cambridge men. But the development of the game remained sporadic and was clearly in need of more careful organisation and control."

This was realised in 1862, when several suburban clubs were formed around London and were seen to adopt the rules according to whom and where they were played. On 26th October, 1863, captains and representatives from 12 clubs met at the Freemasons Tavern in Lincoln Inn Fields in order to codify rules for the regulation of the game of football. At this and other meetings held over the following six weeks, the English Football Association became established

Those at these modest founding meetings could have hardly envisaged the social revolution over which the organisation was to preside, within a few short years. For the sporting bureaucracy which slowly emerged from that first National

Football Authority became the framework within which football established itself as the English National Game. While soccer's codification arose largely through the efforts and enthusiasm (and early confusion) of public schools exponents the English Football Association gained in power, owing to the game's widespread acceptance by the working classes. With the introduction of the five and half day working week for industrial workers in 1840 and 50's, there became a clear need for recreational activities with which to occupy their spare time. As well, during this period, the enlightened belief became generally held that forms of physical activity were required to maintain good health. Consequently, the dribbling game rapidly gained popularity in the industrial Midlands and the north of England. Soccer's forerunner was seen as the ideal recreation for the working classes. The game, as played under the Cambridge rules, and later under the F.A. code, was distinguished by involving a minimum of rough play. It could be played virtually anywhere, from cobbled streets and courtyards to uneven commons, and invited less injury to players than other codes.

The equipment required to stage a match was well within the economic scope of the working classes; a ball, four posts or markers and (optionally) DISTINGUISHING COLOURS. For the F.A.s. establishment, clubs from the Midlands and the north of England dominated trends in playing styles and the game's English administration.

England's most durable export was soccer with global expansion occurring in the 19th and 20th centuries and beyond.

This was largely due to the dominant economic, military and technological sway which the British Empire held in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Within 60 years of the institutionalisation of the F.A. code, it had become the major winter recreation in most European Central and South American countries.

But while the game was seen to flourish in countries with large urban populations (eg. Europe, Central and South America) OR WITH HIGH levels of industrialisation (eg. Europe) OR IN COUNTRIES WITH A STRONG BRITISH influence (eg. Palestine and India), soccer inexplicably, languished in Britain's major "European" colonies such as Canada, South Africa, and Australia.

In each of these colonial instances, a host of individual reasons may be advanced to explain why soccer did not attract a strong following. However, three factors which are common to each give a rise to a basic pattern. Firstly, the socio economic conditions under which soccer's popularity grew elsewhere were absent.

None of these colonies had large urban centres or significant levels of industrialisation until around the turn of the century when in each case, the soccer presence began to be felt.

Secondly the national and nationalistic aspirations in these colonies did not totally concur with those of the British.

In Canada, there was a large French speaking population, in South Africa, there were Dutch (Afrikaners) and in Australia, there were Irish; all whom, for reasons generally known, had cause to resist British influences.

Concomitant with national and nationalistic aspirations as major factors in soccer's slow introduction to these colonies, was the "pioneering spirit." By the late 1880's soccer was seen as a mass recreation whose support came largely from urban/industrial centres hardly a game to attract great interest in colonies requiring the settlement of huge tracts of land. The third factor which is common to the three colonies is the "adverse" climatic and geographic conditions. The blistering sun in Australia and South Africa, the freezing conditions in Canada and wide open spaces which prevail in all three, most probably induced people to participate in more localised recreations. Equally, the relative isolation of these colonies from world centres (Which at the time were virtually all in Europe), provided another barrier to soccer's widespread introduction.

Taking these three factors into consideration, it would seem surprising that soccer became established in any of these British colonies. But, as the conditions for soccer's introduction gradually became present (mainly in the last decade of the 19th century), the game took hold. In Australia as in Canada, South Africa and New Zealand, it was mainly English and Scottish migrants arriving in the 1880s and the 1890s who established the sport of soccer. In New South Wales and Victoria, games of soccer played on an informal basis (usually between neighbouring towns and districts) had been seen as early as 1873, although it was not until the early part of 1880 that games between clubs became organised. In New South Wales, the colony's first club The Wanderers, was formed by a group of Englishmen. An Association soon had six teams competing, later five clubs emerged to form an Association in Victoria. Queensland's first club was the Rangers. In the North (Newcastle), a group of Scottish miners formed the famous Minmi Rangers in 1884. The Minmi Rangers were soon followed by Hamilton, Lambton Thistles, Burwood United, Carrington Blackwatch, Wallsend Rovers etc etc (see local history.)

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—If you will allow me, I wish to suggest through your columns that some move might be taken to form a club or association to play football according to the rules of the English Association. This game is played in Scotland, also, where it is immensely popular and I am sure, once introduced, the dribbling game would be equally so here. I have played at home, and would gladly subscribe to the membership of any club willing to play our grand game. I think it possible also, that there are many old hands, mayhap a "Queen's Park" man, or a "wanderer," who would take a pleasure in promoting such a club in Sydney; and, although I cannot again become a playing man, I would form one in any team for a show-match, and otherwise assist to put the young Australians right (if a club were formed) until they could walk alone. I am, &c.
Sydney, July 12. HALF BACK.

FOOTBALL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read with much interest Mr. J. W. Fletcher's letter in your issue of the 17th instant, and I cannot but express my extreme regret that the Clubs seceding or desiring to secede from the "Rugby Union," did not establish the new Association under the auspices and rules of the Football Association of Great Britain. In conjunction with several members of the Union, I should have been glad to assist in any way in the formation of an Association on such a basis, but I cannot agree to enter the "dribbling game" now played in Victoria. The abandonment of any of this is, in my opinion, by the encouragement it affords to sneaking, utterly subversive of one of the best principles of good old English sports. If the Victorian is to supersede the Rugby game, then good-bye at once to all hopes of international contest for neither the English Football Association or Rugby Union would ever consent to play under such rules as those in vogue in the neighbouring colony. I am, Sir, yours, &c.
Sydney, 20th July. N. OLD STONIAN.

To the Editor of the Herald, July, 14, 1880.

Sir, Seeing a letter in your paper today from a football player signing himself "Half Back" I quite agree with him that if a move was made to start the Association game here, it would become eventually more popular than the Rugby game. As there are several good association players in the Wallaroo Club (Rugby), and there must be more about town.

I think if a meeting was convened a show match might be arranged. I for one would be happy to endeavour to introduce the game myself.

Yours. "Right Wing".

THE GAME OF FOOTBALL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Some two or three years ago you were kind enough to publish some letters of mine on the above subject, and particularly with regard to the introduction of the Association rules as played in England and Scotland, and I ventured to express my belief that, were the subject well followed up, it would be productive of some good towards establishing a distinct code of rules other than those at present in vogue in New South Wales, i.e.—the Rugby Union. The subject was not well followed up—in fact, it was not followed up at all; and I got me away abashed, resolving to hold my tongue in future. However, as the subject has once more cropped up, I must ask your favour to allow me, through your paper, to add a word or two in favour of the English Association game. In doing this, I have no intention of interfering with the Rugby Union game, as, being an old Rugby Union player myself, I can quite appreciate the fact that the Rugby Union rules can and do hold their own here, as elsewhere where they are played; but I claim the attention and support of Rugby Union players in introducing the English Association game in preference to the Victorian Association one, inasmuch as the former stands purely on its own ground, and with the exception of the golden rules of off and on side, bears no resemblance to the Rugby Union game, while the latter is a hybrid affair, neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red-herring, either to the Rugby Union or English Association player, and which, if successfully introduced, would utterly destroy the national characteristic of the game of football in Australia.

"Leather Stocking" in his review of the game of football in your Saturday's issue, has gone into the subject freely and fully, and his suggestion, that the English Association rules should be tried, ought to meet with the support of all who are interested in football matters; and no doubt the meeting advertised to take place at the Exchange on Tuesday next will be well attended.

Of the popularity of the Association rules in England and Scotland there can be very little doubt, as the majority of the leading football clubs enrol players of either the Rugby-Union or Association games under their colours; and at the International Match played at Glasgow in March, 1876 (in which, though a colonial, I had the honour of playing for England, and getting jolly well thrashed in the bargain), despite the rain falling in torrents at intervals and the ground being half under water, there could not have been less than 40,000 spectators on and around the ground. The rules (which I append) are simple and easily acquired, and I feel certain, if once fairly introduced, will make a very favourable impression on the football players and supporters in New South Wales. Apologising for the length of this, I beg to enclose my card, and remain yours, &c., NOVICEUCIAN.

Sir,—I was glad to see in your issue of this morning a letter advocating the introduction of the English Association game into New South Wales, and I am a little surprised that some old English player has not made the suggestion before. I have reason to think from conversations I have had on the subject that if the game could properly be started it would become very popular, not only with players, but with the public. Unfortunately, a very general misapprehension appears to exist as to the nature of the game, a great many people I have spoken to evidently confusing it with the Victorian Association game, whereas the two games have not a single point in common. As to its chances of popularity, let any one read in *Bell's Life* the accounts of international or club contests in Glasgow, Sheffield, London, &c., witnessed often by from 10,000 to 12,000 spectators. It is, I think, about twenty years since the game was first started in England, though its principle, that football is a game for feet and for hands, had long existed in the Eton and Harrow games. At the present time the football players of Great Britain, playing under Rugby and Association rules, are about equally divided; and the two games exist side by side without one interfering in the least with the other, save that, of late the value of good dribbling has become universally acknowledged in the Rugby game. I feel that we are rather late in writing in advocacy of the English Association game, inasmuch as a large section of the football players of New South Wales, associated with Rugby rules, appear to have committed themselves to the adoption of Victorian rules. Nevertheless, there must be many old English and Scotch Association players, or old Eton and Harrow men, who would be glad to see their old game played here, and who would make an effort to introduce it; and I am quite sure that the principle of the game, which forbids the use of the hands, except by the goalkeeper, and does away with scrummaging, collaring, mauling, &c., will command itself to a very large section of the community. The game is essentially a scientific one, requiring, above everything else, unselfish and unswerving combination. I do not wish to attack the old Rugby game, which, properly played, is interesting and exciting to players and spectators; but I must enter a protest against the introduction of the Victorian game, which, though certainly interesting and exciting to look at, I believe, is rather than the Rugby, and violates the fundamental principle of all games like football—I mean the law of fair play. The very thing condemned under the name of "mauling" in the Eton game is here encouraged and applauded, and it may almost be said to be the chief art of the game. In the brief space of a letter it is impossible to say all that one would in behalf of the introduction of the rules of the English Association; but I hope that, since at the present time a radical change is demanded in the present code, football players and the public generally will give the matter a more thorough investigation than it has yet received before committing themselves to the Victorian game. I should be willing to communicate with gentlemen willing to assist in starting a club under the rules of the English Association, and perhaps it might be possible to convene a meeting to consider the whole question. I am, &c.,

Union Club, July 14. J. W. FLETCHER.

Letter to the Editor of the
Sydney Morning Herald.

Mr. JUDG also supported the introduction of the English Association game. He had had a few years' experience of the game at home, and he never found that it was anything but a manly and very interesting game. The rules were very simple, so that every one could understand them; and one great point in favour of the game was its want of apparent roughness. He said apparent roughness because he did not see any danger in one game more than another. In his experience he never found the "Association game" interfere with the Rugby game, but there were many players who could not play the Rugby game, and this Association game would fill a gap which at present existed. The advocates of Rugby football need fear nothing but a very healthy rivalry. Rugby players would probably have the bone and muscle, while the Association players would develop superior smartness and agility, and bring out the prettier points in the game of football. The game would be found a very manly and dexterous one, and one which would require more captainship and discipline than the Rugby game, and, although he had no wish to see the Rugby game superseded, he thought that football under English Association rules preferable.

Mr. R. ARNOLD said that, as far as he was concerned, as an old Rugby Union player, he should be very glad indeed to welcome the Association game into New South Wales, and thought it was a great pity it had not been started long ago. He was unfortunate in not having seen the game, but he had certainly seen plenty of Association play in Rugby Union matches, and was certain there was nothing that would improve the forward play in Rugby matches more than by getting players to practice the Association game. He feared it was too late in the season to do much now; but he certainly hoped that old Association players who might be willing to instruct others would take up this matter next season, and either try to start clubs under the banner of the Association, or else persuade the Rugby Union clubs to also play under Association rules—that was to say that they could send one team into the field under Rugby rules and another under Association rules. He thought this was done in England, and it might be done here. In London there were several clubs playing under both rules, and he thought, considering the comparatively limited number of football players in New South Wales, that perhaps that would be the better plan to act upon. They might give countenance to the English Association game, and when it got stronger the players might drop off from the parent plant and form clubs of their own. (Applause.)

Mr. FLETCHER proposed,—"That a club to play football under English Association rules should be formed, and that a committee be appointed to carry out that object."

Mr. WARR seconded the motion, which, after further discussion, was agreed to. Messrs. Savage, Hewlett, Baker, Barlow, and Todd were appointed a committee to carry out the object; and Mr. J. W. Fletcher accepted the post of hon. secretary. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

FOOTBALL UNDER ENGLISH ASSOCIATION RULES.—A meeting convened by Messrs. J. W. Fletcher and J. A. Todd will take place this evening, at Aaron's Exchange Hotel, "to consider and promote the introduction of football under English Association rules." All football players and others who may be interested in the improvement of the winter pastime are invited to attend.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

A J 1880 S M H

A meeting of gentlemen for the purpose of the formation of a Football Club under English Association rules was held on ~~Monday, 10th, 1880, at the Victoria Hotel, about forty persons being present.~~ Mr. W. R. Barlow occupied the chair, and, after explaining the object for which the meeting was held, provided the game was carried on in a proper manly spirit, was worthy of support. It was suggested some years ago that it would be well to start football under English Association rules, but many of those who preferred that game thought that such a movement would be rather premature, and that football at that time had not prospered sufficiently in the colony to justify the introduction of the Association game; but, probably, the time had now arrived when it could be established successfully. At any rate, it would do good to the Rugby Union game by improving the forward play. A great deal had been said about the Rugby game, and a great outcry had been made against scrummages. He must say, that the old form of scrummages was very dear to him. It had been said that there was no skill required in these scrummages, but he thought that when a player put the ball down with ten trusty opponents standing shoulder to shoulder in front of him, and got it through, it required no little skill, and there was no pleasanter feeling than that which attended the successful effort in this part of the Rugby game.

Mr. J. W. Farrer said that as the game had been in a somewhat uncertain state for some time, and a movement had been started in favour of making a change at least in one direction it seemed to him, and to some others, more advisable that it should be in the direction of the good old game, which was played in England side by side with the Rugby, rather than the game which was known here as the Viennese. He had received several letters providing support from gentlemen in Sydney, and also in the country, and he had called the present meeting to consider the proposal, and then, if possible, take steps towards forming a club to play football under English Association rules. The basis of the game was that it was played entirely with the feet, and was football pure and simple. It was started in England some twelve years ago, and spread by degrees over the whole of England, Scotland, and, he believed, also Ireland and Wales; and the fact stated by a writer in that day's Herald, that in 1876 40,000 spectators assembled at Glasgow, on a wet day, to witness an international match, spoke volumes as to its popularity. The great beauty of the game as far as the spectators were concerned was that it was fast from beginning to end: there was no stoppage, and it did not consist wholly of forward play, but gave an excellent field for the backs to show their powers of kicking. Although he at one time thought the loss of drop kicking a disadvantage, after he had played the Association game for some time, he found there was more pleasure to be derived from timing the ball, either on the half volley, full pitch, or on the hop; and it certainly brought into play, decision, quickness, and readiness of resource. Another thing in favour of the English Association game was that it need not interfere in the smallest degree with the Rugby game, and indeed a Rugby player, by playing the Association game, could materially assist his own. But there were a great many players who, although they played the Rugby game, did so because they had no other. They must have some exercise, and preferred football, and therefore they played the Rugby game; but if any other game were started, he was sure they would find it far more suitable to their tastes than that at present played. There were a great many people who did not go to see football because it was too rough, but a game like the English Association need offend nobody. — It was a fast, exciting, and interesting game, and everyone—even the most tender-hearted—could enjoy it.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir.—I am an English Association man, and having played that game for many years at home I am naturally biased in favour of its rules. Still, I am not a bigot, and I am very willing to give way to better rules if they can be found.

Many years ago's close friend of mine was mainly instrumental in introducing the Association rules in Scotland, and became the first president of the since famous Queens' Park Club of Glasgow. The downright prejudice against us was awful, and for a long time we were *solus* in our preference for the "new rules;" but within eight years the largest crowd that ever assembled to witness any game of the kind in Scotland assembled to see the International match of that year, played at Partick, 35,000 people were said, by the Press, to be present. Mind you, this on a Scottish winter day. I have been present at private club matches and exp. the contests, where six to ten thousand persons were onlookers, and I may say, all understood and appreciated the play. I have therefore very good ground for believing that, once introduced and understood, the Association game would rapidly become as popular in New South Wales as ever it did at home. The rules are simple, and, as much depends upon captainship and discipline, the game becomes, when the sides are equal, an exciting and scientific struggle for supremacy, while the vast concourses I have above alluded to speak for the interest onlookers entertain for the play. I appreciate the letters of Messrs. Fletcher and Wain. To my thinking, they show how necessary is some change in the present play.

I have no wish to run the Rugby Union, or any other rules of the field, but I have a great longing to see my old game atleast tried. I am, JAMES A. TODD.

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Mr Fletcher was born London 11th day of May 1847, he went to Cheltenham College. was a Bachelor of Arts.

He established a Boys College at Coreen, and later became a Police Magistrate at Wilcannia in 1899.

Mr John Walter Fletcher Born 11-5-1847- 28-2-1918.



Wasting no time after the formation, the newly elected Secretary, Mr. James Walter Fletcher, quickly arranged a social match for Friday, 13th August, 1880 with the Headmaster of Kings School, The Rev. George Fairfowl MacArthur. The result of this match matters little, "but what was to follow in the coming years is vital". The Wanderers won the match 5x0 and for the record, the Wanderers team consisted of:

J.A. Todd (Capt) (Glasgow)
W.J. Baker (Maidenhead)
J.W. Fletcher (Pembroke College Oxford)
C.E. Hewlett (Harrow & Magdalene College Oxford)
W. Robertson (Glasgow)
C.P. Fletcher (Sheffield)
Mr. Westingate (Sheffield)
W. Chapman (Sheffield)
C.P. Stephens (Sydney)
D. Raburg (Sydney)
W. Simpson (Sydney)
J. Scott (Sydney)

Mr. A.P. Savage coached the Kings School whose team list is no longer available.

The next club formed was a team from St. Pauls of Redfern which would later be called "Arcadians".

The Wanderers then defeated the Arcadians 2x0.

The Arcadians team being.

W. North
G. Thorne,
J. Macaulay
H. Paynton
W.J. Baker
R.M. Galloway
H. Brown
T. Coghlan
H.H. Jones
J.J. Allen
A. Macaulay.

***Would you please note that the Wanderers played in all white buttoned up shirts with collars, Cap, with a Southern Cross badge, blue stockings, boots of all shapes and sizes and white trousers of ankle length. From this humble beginning, "FOOTBALL" has developed throughout Australia.

Our game here in Australia has had many ups and down; the downs mostly have been brought by people prejudiced against the round ball code, there is no doubt that our game suffered from the very beginning in Australia, as a result of the arrival of so many "Captive Settlers", who had suffered at the hands of British Imperialism and this was to continue for many many years.

However, there has also always been men of enthusiasm, backed by administrators of undoubted ability to carry on the good work, making available for Australian youths, a form of manly exercise in a game that calls for stamina, self restraint and quick judgement. Played all over the world, "FOOTBALL" will always retain its place as the leading sport, because of its power to attract athletic youth desirous of gaining distinction by being included in a true "INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION"

FOOTBALL.

The first match in New South Wales played under English Association rules was played on Saturday last, by the newly formed club, against the King's School boys, at Parramatta. The visitors had a very fair team, allowing for the fact that hardly one of them had played football for some years. This advantage was, however, balanced by the fact that the boys had not played these rules before. The game was well contested for an hour and a half, and terminated in favour of the visitors by five goals to none; the number of goals must not, however, be taken as a criterion of the play, which was remarkably even, particularly after half time, the boys on several occasions only failing to score on account of their want of familiarity with the art of passing and middling the ball. On the side of the English Association Club all played up well, but the play of D. Roxburgh as back was remarkably good and invaluable to his side, and Scott's goal-keeping deserves praise. On the King's School side the play of Fenwick was very fine, and he would make a grand Association player; all, however, played well. Mr. Savage, an old international player, played with and coached King's School. The names of the club players were:—T. A. Todd (captain), W. J. Baker, J. W. Fletcher, C. E. Hewlett, C. P. Fletcher, Wastinage, W. Robertson, W. Simson, Chapman, D. Roxburgh, J. Scott (goal).

A match has been arranged, under English Association rules, on Moore Park, for next Saturday, against the Redfern Club.

Sydney Morning Herald Report of 13/8/1880

From "Bell's Life in London" (a great sporting paper of the period) of 1st January, 1881:

"The Association Game in New South Wales

"We have received the following letter from the Hon Sec. of the Football Association:—

Coreen College, Woollahra,
Sydney, N.S.W.

"My Dear Sir,

"I do not know whether your attention has been drawn to football in the antipodes, but the following account may prove interesting:—

"Until the present season, the rules of the Rugby Union have been in force here, without any active opposition, and the Southern Rugby Union includes a large number of clubs. During the last two seasons, however, a movement has been gaining ground in favour of the introduction of the Victorian game, which, about six weeks ago, took a definite form in the forming of an Association and clubs, and one or two exhibition games have been played. The mass of football players, whatever they may think of Rugby Union, are, I believe, in Sydney, decidedly averse to this game, considering it was neither 'dash, dash, etc.'

"Under these circumstances, two or three old English and Scottish Association players, thinking the opportunity for which they had waited had arrived, having mooted the idea in the papers, and gained the favourable consideration of Rugby football players, convened a meeting which was well attended, and in which the matter was well considered.

"A club was immediately formed, with the following Committee: A. P. Savage, M. Barlow, J. A. Todd, W. J. Baker, C. E. Hewitt, and Hon. Sec. J. W. Fletcher.

"Promises of support continued to come in and the club in about three weeks numbers a very creditable number of members, though it was very late, almost at the end of the season, when the club was formed. As the fixtures for the season were already made under Rugby Rules, it was somewhat difficult to arrange matters and get teams together. The first Association match in N.S.W. was, however, played by the club against the King's School, Parramatta, on 14th August, 1880, the club winning by five goals to nil, the game being very promising.

"At a Committee meeting held this week, it was resolved to call our club 'The Wanderers,' or 'N.S.W. Wanderers,' rather, and further, that the club should be enrolled (with your permission) in the British Association, and that an account should be sent Home for publication, that the colours of the club should be white jersey, cap and knickerbockers, with badge Southern Cross and blue stockings.

"Today the second match was played on Moore Park between the newly named 'Wanderers' and Redfern Club, a Rugby club who had not played the rules before. After a very keen game, 'Wanderers' won by two goals to none.

"We have, of course, an uphill game to fight, but you will see we have made a splendid commencement, and feel sanguine of success in spite of the Victorian game. The ice has been broken for next season, when we intend to be early in the field. Will you kindly introduce us to the Football Association? I fancy our modest commencement is only the introduction to a brilliant future for Association football here, and we wish to work in concert with the English Association.

"I have written to Mr. C. Smith, who once played for England, asking him to act as our representative. I had forgotten to say that, besides the 'N.S.W. Wanderers,' this school (Coreen College) plays under Association rules, and has taken to the game wonderfully well. The two clubs play next Saturday

Yours, etc.,

(Sgd) J. W. Fletcher,

Hon Sec. 'N.S.W. Wanderers'

In the year of 1882, Mr. J. Macaulay had been elected Secretary to control football in New South Wales, which was then called Southern British Association of Football. By the year of 1887, the number of clubs in and around Sydney town had grown to include

Wanderers.

Arcadians

Caledonians

Kings School

Canterbury

Granville

Pymont Rangers

Pymont Rovers

Parramatta

Katoomba

Parkgrove

Young Mens Field Association

Ambrose

Embroyes

Then came the following

1888 North Illawarra.

1888 Joadja

1889 Woonona

1889 Lithgow Rangers

1889 Illawarra Rovers

1889 Parkgrove Pilgrims

1890 Balgownie

1890 Mt Victoria

1890 Helensburgh Rovers

1891 Balmain

1891 Corrimal

1891 Burwood Forresters

1893 Pymont Thistles

1894 Sydney Thistles

1896 Pymont Volunteers

1897 Aspley

1897 Marrickville Pioneers

1897 North Sydney Rangers

1898 Balmain Working Mens Institute

1900 Albions

1900 South Sydney

1900 Navy

1900 Rozelle

1900 Glebe

1902 Ultimo

1903 East Sydney

1904 Sydney

1907 Petersham

1908 Garden Island

1908 Northern Suburbs

1908 Balmain Kia-ora

1908 Gladesville

1908 West Sydney
 1908 Western Suburbs
 1908 Cockatoo Dockyards
 1909 HMS. Powerful
 1909 Newtown
 1910 St George
 1910 HMS. Prometheus
 1910 Metters
 1910 Annandale Leichhardt
 1911 New South Wales Police(Sydney)

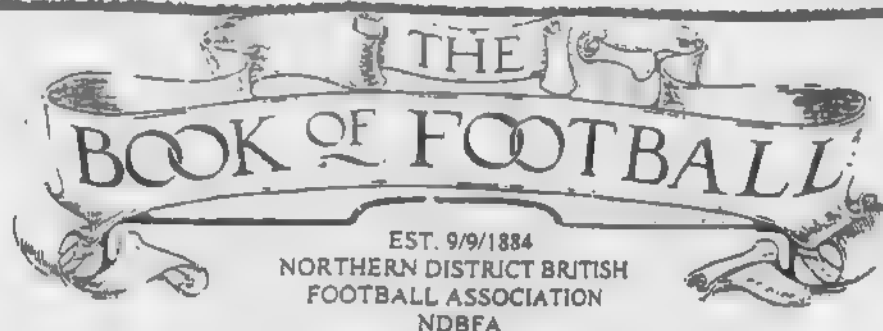
1914 Botany
 1915 Drummoyne

The Following Clubs I do not have the correct Year

Balmain Fernleigh
 Balmain Scottish
 Balmain Gladestone
 Balmain Caledonians
 Prymont Kewpies
 Magpies
 Coledale
 Thirroul
 Auburn
 Goodyear
 Concord
 Mascot
 Sunlight
 Two Blues
 Lancashire Society
 Clyde
 Lilyfield Rangers
 Carlingford
 Austral Bronze
 Manly
 Australian Gas Light Co.
 Campsie Thistles
 Callan Park
 Russell Lea
 Alexandria
 Annandale Athletic
 Leichhardt Waratahs
 Lachlan Rovers
 Farmers
 Fire Brigades

***Please note that Balmain changed its colours to Blue and Gold on the 29/5/1896.

Also for the record Mr. C.P. Stephens was Secretary in 1886 and that the number of clubs had exceeded 186.



Northern District British Football Association
Officials.

- 1884 President. Mr Gardiner
Secretary. Mr J.W. Ritchie
Treasurer, Mr. Stevenson
Vice President. Mr. A. Bryden
- 1885 President Mr Gardiner
Secretary Mr J. Bromley
Treasurer Mr Stevenson
- 1886 President Mr D. Wilson
Secretary Mr J.W. Ritchie
Treasurer Mr P. Reid
- 1887 President W. McIlroy
Secretary J. Bromley
Treasurer George Moorhouse
- 1888 President W. McIlroy
Secretary J. Bromley
Treasurer George Moorhouse
- 1889 OFFICIAL TITLE IS NOW (NDBFA)
Northern District British Football Association
President J.W. Ritchie
Secretary's W. Bartley's and F. Gerrard
Treasurer R. Talbot
- 1890 President James Fletcher
Secretary Jack Harrison
Treasurer R. Talbot
- 1891 President Thomas Frith
Secretary J. Bromley
Treasurer T. Greigg
- 1892 President J. Whitelaw
Secretary J. McCartney
Treasurer H. Brien
- 1893 President J. Whitelaw
Secretary J. McCartney
Treasurer H. Brien



- 1894 President J. McCartney
Secretary H. Brien
Treasurer David Williams
- 1895 President R. Gall
Secretary David Williams
Treasurer H. Brien
- 1896 President Dr W. Clarke
Secretary H. Brien
Treasurer H. Brien
Committee. David Williams, T. Wilson, J. Cullen, J. Cleary,
T. Marshall, James Cook, J. W. Bailey
- 1897 President Dr. W. Clarke
Secretary H. Brien
Treasurer H. Brien
- 1898 President W. Denton
Secretary Jack Harrison
Treasurer J. Bone
- 1899 President W. Denton
Secretary Jack Harrison
Treasurer P. Strachan
- 1900 President's W. Denton and James Robertson
Secretary Jack Harrison
Treasurer P. Strachan
- 1901 President's W. Denton and C. Myers
Secretary Jack Harrison
Treasurer P. Strachan
- 1902 President's W. Denton And R. Harden
Secretary J. Nix
Treasurer P. Strachan
Vice Presidents. Alf Edden (MLA) F. Pearce, H. Davis,
D. McGEACHIE, Ed Blackburn,
Major Mullholland,
- 1903 Patron J. W. Denton
President J. McCartney
Secretary R. Hood
Treasurer R. Harden
Vice Presidents, R. Brown, J. Estell, Alf Edden (MLA)
C. Price, David Watkins (MP)
H. Denny, Ed Blackburn, J. Hill,
F. W. Williams, Mr Hudson, Mr Harvey,
J. W. Ritchie.

1904 Presidents R.Harden and J.McCartney
Secretary R.Hood
Treasurer W.Waugh
Chairman R.Tait
Council.P.Strachan,W.S.Galloway,J.Duguid,E.Bartley,
R.Stevenson,J.Pettigrew

1905 Patron W.Denton
President John McCartney
Secretary Bob Stevenson
Vice Presidents,John Fegan(MLA)John Estell(MLA)
David Watkins(MHR)Alf Edden(MP)
H.J.Denny,Ed Blackburn,Louis Twist.
Full Council.E.Buxton,A.Bailey,W.Barr,John Wilson,
James Wilson,Peter Myers,Harry Andrews,
Alec Roy,C.Faith,Mr Weatherburn,
J.D.Hamilton

1906 Patrons.W.Denton,G.F.Scott,A.E.Merewether
President.E.Buxton
Secretary.Bob Stevenson
Treasurer.John Wilson
Vice Presidents.John McCartney,H.J.Denny,Louis Twist,
Ed Blackburn,J.L.Fegan(mla)
J.Estell(MLA)E.Baker,J.Rixon,
R.Wood,W.Bill Smith.
Full Council.Alec Roy,E.Gilpin,Bill Ambler,
J.Filby,J.McLeary,M.McLeary,G.Brown,
George Myers.

1907.Patron W.Denton
President.E.Buxton
Secretary.Bob Stevenson
Treasurer.John Wilson
Vice Presidents.John Feighan(MLA)John Estell(MLA)
David Watkins(MHR)Henry Denny
Ed Blackburn,John McCartney,
D.Howard,Peter Bowling,Alf Jewell
Green Bros Jewellers,George Brown
Milton & McLuckie(Printers)
Council George Myers,W.J.Ambler,George Newton
R.Hughes.

1908 Patron W.J.Ellis
President.Peter Bowling
Secretary.Bob Stevenson
Treasurer.G.A.Myers
Vice Presidents,Ed Blackburn,Henry Denny,W.A.Reid,
M.Lynch,J.McGeachie,W.Graham(MP)
Alf Edden(MP)F.Pearce,W.McIllroy.
Committee,Ed Buxton,J.Fitzgibbons,J.Symes,
J.Filby,A.J.Porteous

- 1909 President. J. Wilson
Secretary. Bob Stevenson
Treasurer. G. A. Myers
Assistant Secretary. J. Reay
Vice Presidents, H. J. Denny, Ed Blackburn, D. Baker,
M. Charlton (MP) W. Graham (MP)
J. Fegan (MLA) O. Gilbert (MLA)
Peter Bowling.
Committee. Ed Buxton, J. Fitzgibbons, J. Symes,
J. Filby, A. J. Porteous.
- 1910 President. J. Wilson
Secretary. Bob Stevenson
Treasurer. G. A. Myers
Committee. Ed Buxton, J. Filby, J. Reay, J. Symes, J. Logan,
A. J. Porteous.
1911. President. George Brown
Secretary. Jack Harrison
Treasurer. D. McDade
1912. President J. Maloney
Secretary. T. Estell
Treasurer. D. McDade
Assistant Secretary. P. Slavin.
- 1913 President. H. Maggs
Secretary. Dave Johnston
Treasurer. T. Estell
1914. President. H. Maggs
Secretary. Dave Johnston
Treasurer. T. Estell
1915. President. T. McBlane
Secretary. Dave Johnston
Treasurer. J. Sanderson
1916. President. T. McBlane
Secretary. Ed Masterson
Treasurer. J. Sanderson
- 1917 President. R. Martin
Secretary. Laurie Tamlyn
Treasurer. A. A. Stirling
1918. President. R. Martin
Secretary. Laurie Tamlyn
Treasurer. A. A. Stirling
1919. President. Ed Buxton
Secretary. Laurie Tamlyn
Treasurer. A. A. Stirling

1920. President. J.H. Bloomfield
Secretary. Laurie Tamlyn
Treasurer. A.A. Stirling
1921. President. J.H. Bloomfield
Secretary. S.W. Roberts and Laurie Tamlyn.
Treasurer. J. Howard
**Would you please note Secretary Roberts died in office.
1922. President. J.H. Bloomfield
Secretary. Perce Shepperd (Resigned) And replaced by
Laurie Tamlyn
Treasurer. J. Howard
1923. President A.A. Stirling
Secretary. Perce Shepperd
Treasurer. R.J. Skillings
Vice President. Bill Stott
Assistant Secretary. C. Edmonds
Management Committee. J. Mills, S. Bush, A. Stewart,
J. Durie, Wal Rushton, R. Smith.
1924. President. A.A. Stirling
Vice President. Bill Stott
Secretary. Perce Shepperd
Assistant Secretary. A. Jack
Treasurer. W"Bill" Stevens
Management Committee. J. Mills, S. Bush, A. Stewart,
J. Durie
1925. President's A.A. Stirling and J. Earp.
Secretary. Perce Shepperd
Treasurer. W"Bill" Stevens
Assistant Secretary. W. Wright
Management Committee. J. Mills, S. Bush, F. Lockyer
F. Harvey
1926. President. A.A. Stirling
Vice President. A. Stewart
Secretary. Perce Shepperd
Assistant Secretary. W"Bill" Stevens
Treasurer. S. Bush
Management Committee. J. Mills, F. Lockyer, F. Harvey
1927. President. J.H. Bloomfield
Vice President. J. Mills
Secretary. Perce Shepperd
Assistant Secretary. W"Bill" Stevens
Treasurer. A. Stewart
Management Committee. A. Harrod, Tom Crawford, J. Kidd,
R.J. Skillings, F. Harvey
1928. President. A.A. Stirling
Secretary. Perce Shepperd
Treasurer. W"Bill" Stevens

**Would you please note that all Clubs prior to 1926 were registered as "FOOTBALL" not soccer clubs.

9/9/1884 Minmi Rangers

1884 Hamilton Athletic

1885 Lambton Thistles

1885 Glebe Blackwatch (Name changed to Burwood United at Mr Redheads Hotel in 1887.

6/1886 Greta Bluebells

1887 Carrington Blackwatch

7/6/1887 Wallsend Rovers

1888 Minmi Swifts

12/7/1889 Adamstown Rosebud

1889 Cardiff, Teralba, & Toronto declared one area

5/1891 West Wallsend Athletic (Name later changed to Bluebells in 1897

3/1892 Young Wallsend (Name later changed to Edgeworth when township name changed in 1972 in honour Tannant William (Sir Edgeworth David)

10/6/1894 Merewether Advance

21/7/1894 Dudley Athletic

1894 Minmi Thistles

10/5/1895 Broadmeadow (Formed opposite Premier Hotel)

1895 Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs

1896 East Greta

24/4/1897 Stockton (Formed at General Washington Hotel)

1898 Wallsend Great Boulders

1898 Newcastle West (Wallsend) Please read history)

1899 Great Boulders

1899 Teralba Advance

1899 Teralba Rangers

1899 Greta Cameo's

1899 Patent Rollers

1899 Hamilton

1899 Wallsend Royals

1899 Wallsend Mazappas

1899 Wallsend Kia ora's

1900 Vanity Fair
1900 Charlestown
1900 Wallsend Blossom's
1900 Our Boys(Plattsburg Cooperative Area)
1900 Grunchers
1900 Minmi Trilby's
1900 Minmi Advance
1900 Broadmeadow Federal's
1900 Adamstown Shamrocks
1900 Maryland Royals

1901 Charlestown G.H.
1901 Westy Rebels

1902 Rhondas
1902 Minmi

3/1903 Heddon Greta Rooks

3/1904 Kurri Kurri
3/1904 Kurri Kurri Rivals
1904 Heddon Greta
1904 Wallsend Boulders
1904 Wallarah
1904 Catherine Hill Bay
1904 Windy Creek(Wine-dee)

1905 Holmesville Stars
1905 Minmi Rooks
1905 Kurri Kurri Vanity Fair
1905 Pelaw Main Violets
1905 Pelaw Main Cameo's
1905 South Maitland British Football Association

1906 Dudley Thistles
1906 Wallarah Seabreezers
1906 Minmi Starlights
1906 Minmi Squashes
1906 Cessnock Starlights
1906 Cessnock Mountaineers
1906 Cessnock Bluebells

1907 Weston Advance
1907 Weston United
1907 Weston Albions
1907 Louth Park
1907 Boolaroo
1907 Charlestown Gamblers
1907 Minmi Wanderers

1908 Abermain
1908 Killingsworth Violets

1909 Minmi Clippers
1909 Killingsworth
1909 Killingsworth Rangers
1909 Minmi Pirates

1910 Cardiff
1910 Charlestown Waratahs
1910 Whitburn Stars
1910 Minmi Gardeners
1910 Redhead Moppies

1911 West Wallsend I.O.R.
1911 Wallsend I.O.R.

1912 Speers Point

1913 Morisset
1913 Glebe Hill
1913 Vaiseys
1913 Newcastle United

1915 Aba-Dare Blossoms

1916 Merewether Stirling
1916 Chookies

1918 Hebburn
1918 West Wallsend Woodpeckers
1918 Kurri Kurri Rechabites
1918 Tom Tits
1918 Jesmond

1919 New Lambton
1919 Rothbury
1919 Hebburn Starlights

1920 Maryville
1920 Wallsend Jetties

1921 Waratah Mayfield(Name later changed to
Newcastle City.
1921 Islington
1921 Kearsley Warriors
1921 Newcastle
1921 Seahampton Seaweeds
1921 Awaba(Name later change to Toronto Awaba
1921 Mayfield(Name changed to Lysaght'Orb(Name changed
to Mayfield United

1921 Stanford Methyr
1921 Boolaroo

1923 Muswellbrook
1923 Wallsend National's
1923 Wallsend Ricketts
1923 Wallsend Gum Leaves

1925 Kurri Kurri North End
1925 Kurri Kurri Royals
1925 Newcastle-Hamilton
1925 Summerhill
1925 Barnsley

1926 Sawyers Gully Road(Weston)
1926 Bellbird
1926 Ballarat Rovers
1926 Cessnock West End
1926 The Ghosters(Wallsend)
1926 Newtown(Minmi)

1928 Hamilton North

1930 Whitebridge
1930 Redhead
1930 Wallsend Tinslashers
1930 Ky-Abba(Whitebridge)

1933 Gully Line

1934 Cardiff Loco's
1934 East Lambton(Dog & Rat)
1934 Pelican Flats
1934 Shortland
1934 All Whites

1935 Swansea
1935 Dudley United

1937 Left Overs

1944 Paxton
1944 Greta
1944 RAAF(Williamstown)

1945 Stewarts & Lloyd(Name later changed Tubemakers,
Later changed to Phoenix Rangers

1948 New Lambton-Hamilton Rovers
1948 Greta Main
1948 Millfield
1948 East Lakes
1948 Fernleigh Royals
1948 Sulphide Works
1948 Savyers Gully

1949 Newcastle Teachers College

1950 Heaton

1951 Greta Australs

1955 Blacksmiths Rangers(Name later changed in 1963
to Belmont Swansea.
1955 Proletarians
1955 GUOOF(Wallsend)
1955 Colliery Inn(Wallsend)
1955 Lakes United

1956 Courtaulds
1956 Newcastle Austral(Name later changed

1957 Kurri Kurri United
1957 BHP(Name changed in 1958 to Port Rangers)

1958 Wallsend RSL(Later amalgamated with Jesmond)

1959 Austral Dutch
1959 Charlestown United

1960 Kearsley East End
1960 The Entrance(Name later changed to
Central Coast United)
1960 Vistula
1960 Valentine

1961 Maitland(Name later changed to Maitland City,
and to "EASTS"maitland

1962 Concordia
1962 Slavia United
1962 Pan Hellenic

1963 Toronto Diggers
1963 Dudley Redhead
1963 Macquarie Wanderer's
1963 Warners Bay
1963 South Wallsend
1963 Nelson Bay

1964 Hamilton Azzurri (Name later changed to
Highfields Azzurri in 1976, Changed to
Highfields Wolves 1995)

1966 New Lambton South
1966 Charlestown RSL
1966 University of Newcastle

1967 West Lakes United

1969 Raymond Terrace
1969 Kotara South
1969 Stockton Hellenic
1969 Whitebridge Slavia

1970 Lambton

1971 Jesmond Wallsend RSL

1975 Cardiff Railway
1975 Swansea Workers
1975 Beresfield United
1975 Hamilton Redstars
1975 Belmont
1975 Cooks Hill
1975 South Cardiff

1976 Singleton
1976 Cardiff Workers
1976 Charlestown Hotspurs
1976 Gosford Rangers
1976 International Olympic (name later changed to
Hamilton Olympic in 1992 (Later changed to
Hamilton Warriors))

1977 Heaton Park (Name later changed to
Tomago Eagles 1978)
1977 Branxton
1977 Lambton Rangers
1977 Rutherford
1977 Wallsend United
1977 Doyalson Wyee RSL
1977 Warners Bay Sports Club
1977 Holmesville Sports Club

1978 Mark's Point
1978 Shortland RSL
1978 Greta Braxton
1978 NCAE

1979 Lambton Jaffas

1980 Armidale
1980 Tamworth City
1980 Grafton City
1980 Coffs Harbour
1980 Elernore

1981 Twin Towns(Tweed Heads-Coolangatta)

1983 Port Macquarie
1983 Thornton Park

1984 Croatia
1984 Hillsborough

1985 Maldost
1985 Macedonia(Name later changed to
Newcastle Macedonia for 1992 season.
Then to Broadmeadow Magic in 1995

1986 Dora Creek

1988 Hunter Institute Higher Education(H.I.H.E)
1988 Medowie

1990 Crown United
1990 Budgewoi

1991 Polonia

Would you please note that the correct date cannot be found
for.Richardy's,Vickers,Barbers.

Northern District British Football Association
Badge (Premiership)

- 1886 Minmi Rangers
- 1887 Minmi Rangers
- 1888 Minmi Rangers
- 1889 Minmi Rangers
- 1890 Burwood United
- 1891 Minmi Rangers (Undefeated)
- 1892 Minmi Rangers (Undefeated)
- 1893 Minmi Rangers (Undefeated)
- 1894 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1895 Adamstown Rosebud (Undefeated)
- 1896 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1897 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1898 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1899 West Wallsend Bluebells (Undefeated)
- 1900 Wallsend Rovers
- 1901 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1902 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1903 Wallsend Rovers
- 1904 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1905 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1906 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1907 Pelaw Main
- 1908 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1909 Adamstown Rosebud (Undefeated)
- 1910 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1911 Merewether Advance & Wallsend Mazoppas (Shared)
- 1912 Cessnock Caledonians
- 1913 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1914 Merewether Advance (Undefeated)
- 1915 Merewether Advance
- 1916 Weston
- 1917 Weston Albion & West Wallsend Bluebells (Shared)
- 1918 Weston
- 1919 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1920 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1921 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1922 Wallsend Rovers on Playoff From West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1923 Wallsend Rovers
- 1924 Wallsend Rovers Rovers & Cessnock Caledonians (Shared)
- 1925 West Wallsend Bluebells (Undefeated)
- 1926 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1927 Cessnock Caledonians
- 1928 Adamstown Rosebud

Northern District British Football Association

Ellis Cup Winners 1886-1928

- 1886 Minmi Rangers
- 1887 Minmi Rangers
- 1888 Minmi Rangers
- 1889 Wallsend Rovers
- 1890 Minmi Rangers
- 1891 Burwood United /carrington Blackwatch
- 1892 Minmi Rangers
- 1893 Minmi Rangers
- 1894 Adamstown Rosebud/Minmi Thistles
- 1895 Minmi Rangers/Adamstown Rosebud
- 1896 Adamstown Rosebud/Merewether Advance
- 1897 Pyrmont Volunteers/Minmi Rangers
- 1898 Minmi Rangers/Newcastle West(Wallsend Rovers ??
- 1899 West Wallsend Bluebells/Adamstown Rosebud
- 1900 West Wallsend Bluebells/Adamstown Rosebud
- 1901 West Wallsend Bluebells/Adamstown Rosebud
- 1902 West Wallsend Bluebells/Adamstown Rosebud
- 1903 Adamstown Rosebud/West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1904 NO PLAY
- 1905 Adamstown Rosebud/Adamstown Shamrocks
- 1906 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1907 Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs/Weston
- 1908 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1909 Adamstown Rosebud/Merewether Advance
- 1910 Adamstown Rosebud
- 1911 Cessnock Caledonians
- 1912 Cessnock Caledonians
- 1913 Merewether Advance/Weston
- 1914 Merewether Advance
- 1915 Merewether Advance
- 1916 Weston (A.Team)/Weston(B)
- 1917 Wallsend Rovers
- 1918 Wallsend Rovers
- 1919 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1920 West Wallsend Bluebells/Adamstown
- 1921 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1922 Wallsend Rovers
- 1923 Wallsend Rovers
- 1924 Wallsend Rovers
- 1925 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1926 West Wallsend Bluebells
- 1927 Cessnock Caledonians
- 1928 West Wallsend Bluebells/Adamstown Rosebud

END OF SERIES

LIFE MEMBERS

+ Thomas Crawford
+ W"Bill"Beaney
+J.H.Black
+Sidney.J.Grant(MBE)
+A.Drummond
+George Plummer
+Alan Burns
+A.Hyslop
+H.G.Read
+Doug McLaren
+Ralph Grieves
+Fred Blim
+Sam Delves(OBE)
+William"Bill"V.Jones
+Robert"Bob"J.English
Ern Craig
+John.M.Sullivan
+Hugh Goodsir
William"Bill"Turner
Harry Hetherington
Alan.L.Lamb
William"Bill"Mahoney
Donald Jones
+Steve Tredinnick
David G.Williams(OAM)
Con Mitsios
+Kenneth Ledden
Jack Turnbull
Keith Frew
+Douglas Skelding
Arthur Roberts
Richard Face(MLA)
William"Bill"Walker
Harold Hall

Ken Kaiser
Paul Insley

Representative Appearances.

From 1884-1928

Bobby Austin(Weston) Goalkeeper)
1920 NSW V Queensland
1920 NSW v Queensland
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1921 NSW V Queensland
1921 NSW v Queensland
1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1922 South Maitland British Football Association v
Queensland(Capt)
1922 Newcastle v Queensland(Capt)
1923 Australia v New Zealand(3rd Test)
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
Victoria
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
China(Please Read Story)
1924 Australia v Canada 4th & 5th Test
1925 Newcastle v England
1925 Northern District v England
1925 South Maitland British Football Association v
England
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia
1929 The Rest v NSW.

W.Ashton(Weston)

1909 South Maitland British Football Association v
West Australia.

W.Acree(West Wallsend)

1912 NSW V Queensland
1913 Newcastle v Queensland
1913 NSW v Queensland

Jack Avis(Weston)

1922 South Maitland British Football Association v
Australia
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
Victoria(Capt)
1923 NSW v China(Capt)
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand(Capt)
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand
1925 South Maitland British Football Association v
England.

Jack Avis

H.Ashcroft(Kurri Kurri)

1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China

1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China

1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China

1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia

1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia

W. Brown (Cessnock)
1921 Newcastle v Queensland

Lawson Bailey (Adamstown)
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v South Maitland British Football Assoc.
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 NSW v China 1923 Newcastle v China
1923 Australia v China (2nd Test)
1925 Newcastle v England
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1928 NSW v Queensland
1928 NSW v Australia
1928 NSW v Victoria
1928 NSW v Australia
1928 NSW v Queensland

Les Brown (Wallsend/West Wallsend/Cessnock)
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 South Maitland British Football Association v Australia
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v New Zealand
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v New Zealand
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v Newcastle
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v China
1924 Australia v Canada (4th Test)
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
1924 Newcastle v Queensland
1925 Australia v England (1st Test) *Les Brown*
1925 Newcastle v England



J. Bellamy (Weston)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland

F. Bartley (Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

H. Butcher (Mayfield)
1922 Newcastle v Queensland

N.Brennan(West Wallsend)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

G.Barr(Minmi Rangers)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland

A.Baillie(Wallsend Rovers)
1898 NSW v Queensland

P.Bartley(Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

J.Barry(Adamstown)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

G.Brown(Wallsend Rovers)
1923 Newcastle v Queensland

G.Bower(Wallsend Rovers)
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria



George Bower.

R.Bower(Kurri Kurri)
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
Victoria
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand
1924 Newcastle v Queensland

Brennan(Cessnock)
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China

Jim Beddow(Kurri Kurri)(Continued next Volume)
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v China

Alec "Sandy" Cameron (Adamstown) Continued next Volume)

1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
 1923 Newcastle v Victoria
 1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
 1924 Newcastle v Canada
 1925 Newcastle v England
 1925 Northern District v England
 1925 Newcastle v England
 1926 NSW v Queensland
 1926 Newcastle v Sydney
 1927 NSW v China
 1927 Newcastle v China
 1927 Newcastle v China
 1927 Australia v China (1st & 2nd Tests)
 1927 Australia v Bohemia (1st, 2nd, 3rd Tests)
 1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
 1928 NSW v Queensland
 1928 NSW v Queensland
 1928 NSW v Victoria
 1928 Australia tour Dutch East Indies
 1928 Australia v NSW.

A. Charlesworth (Wallsend Rovers)
 1888 Newcastle v Victoria

Jimmy Curran (Minmi Rangers)
 1888 Newcastle v Victoria

Clarrie Coutts (West Wallsend Bluebells)
 1918 Newcastle v Sydney
 1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
 1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
 1925 Newcastle v England
 1925 Northern District v England
 1926 Newcastle v Sydney
 1927 Australia v China (1st, 3rd Tests (Capt))
 1928 NSW v Australia
 1929 Newcastle v SMBFA.



G. Coulson (East Greta)
 1909 South Maitland British Football Association v
 West Australia

J. Campbell (West Wallsend)
 1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

D. Clarke (Cessnock)
 1913 Newcastle v Queensland
 1915 Newcastle v Queensland

D. Cain (Minmi Rangers)
 1913 Newcastle v Victoria

Jack Bush(Adamstown Rosebud)
1924 Newcastle v Combined Service Squadron Royal Navy
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 Newcastle v China

Peter Coppock(Hamilton)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1920 NSW v Queensland

Albert "Poker" Creighton(Weston)
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 Australia v China(2nd Test)
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v Victoria
1923 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
1923 NSW v Victoria(Capt)

Tommy Coates(West Wallsend Bluebells)
1920 NSW v Queensland
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v Canada.

Jack Coutts(West Wallsend Bluebells)
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia



Harold Coates(Adamstown Rosebuds)
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron
1924 Newcastle v Queensland
1928 Australia tour Dutch East Indies
1928 Australia v NSW
1928 NSW v Queensland

E. Creighton(Newcastle)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

R.G. Campbell(Adamstown Rosebud)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia
1909 NSW v West Australia
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

G. Cartwright(East Greta)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

R.Cartwright(East Greta)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

F.Corrigan(Cessnock)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

J.Cameron(Adamstown Rosebud)
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria

Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)
1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
1925 Newcastle v England
1925 Northern District v England
1925 Australia v England(4th Test)
1925 NSW v England
1925 NSW v England
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 NSW v China
1927 Australia v China(1st & 3rd Test)
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Australia v Bohemia(1st Test)
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1928 NSW v Victoria
1928 Australia tours Dutch East Indies
1928 Australia v NSW
1932 Newcastle v Victoria

Albert Creighton(Newcastle)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

A. Dunne(Adamstown Rosebud)
1928 NSW v Australia

Jack Drinkwater(Aberdare)To be continued next Volume.

1923 SMBFA v Victoria
1926 NSW v Queensland
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 SMBFA v Bohemia
1927 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China

Jack Doyle(Adamstown Rosebud)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1905 NSW v New Zealand
1905 NSW V New Zealand

Peter Doyle(Adamstown Rosebud)
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 Australia tour New Zealand
1922 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
1923 Australia v New Zealand(1st,second.and 3hird Test
1923 NSW v New Zealand) Capt)
1923 NSW V Victoria
1924 Australia v China(1st,Second,and Third
1924 NSW v Canada(4th Test)

J. Edgerton (Adamstown Rosebud.
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

Bob "Brolgey" Elgey (Adamstown Rosebud)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1905 NSW v New Zealand
1905 NSW v New Zealand
1905 Newcastle v West Australia
1905 NSW v West Australia
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

Albert Elliott (Marewether Advance)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland

J. Farrey (Weston)

1925 SMBFA ■ England

1925 SMBFA ■ Queensland

1927 SMBFA ■ China

1927 SMBFA v China

1927 SMBFA v China

David Gilchrist(Wallsend Rovers)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

John Gilchrist(Wallsend Rovers)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

J.George Adamstown Rosebud)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1909 Newcastle v West Australia
1909 NSW v West Australia

J.Gill(Mayfield)
1923 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria

W.Gill(Mayfield)
1923 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v Queensland

T.Green(Kurri Kurri)
1925 NSW v England

A.Gibson(Weston)
1927 SMBFA v China

Jack Gilmour(Weston)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland
1915 Newcastle v Sydney
1922 SMBFA v Australia
1923 SMBFA v Newcastle
1923 SMBFA v China
1923 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 Australia v New Zealand(2nd Test)
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1924 Australia v Canada(4th ,5th (Tests)
1924 NSW v Canada
1924 NSW v Queensland
1924 NSW v Queensland
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron Royal Navy.

Eddie Hodge(Cessnock/Hamilton) Continued next Volume
 1925 SMBFA v England
 1927 SMBFA v China
 1927 NSW v China
 1927 Australia v China(2nd,3rd Tests)
 1927 Australia v Bohemia(2nd,3rd Tests)
 1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

Frank Hay(West Wallsend Bluebells)
 1922 Newcastle v SMBFA
 1923 Newcastle v SMBFA
 1923 Australia v China(2nd Test)
 1923 Newcastle v China
 1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
 1923 Newcastle v Victoria

C.Harrison(Wallsend Rovers)
 1913 Newcastle v Queensland

J.Harrison(Wallsend Rovers)
 1913 Newcastle v Queensland

Roy Harden(Cessnock)
 1909 SMBFA v West Australia

W.Howe(Cessnock)
 1909 SMBFA v West Australia

R.Henderson(Kurri Kurri)
 1922 Newcastle v Queensland

G.Hunter(Burwood United)
 1888 Newcastle v Victoria

P.Hogan(Newcastle United)
 1926 NSW v Queensland

T.E.Hill(Aberdare)
 1927 SMBFA v China

W.Haddow(Minmi Rangers)
 1890 Newcastle v Queensland

W.Harrison(Wallsend Rovers)
 1898 NSW v Queensland

J.Harden(Cessnock)
 1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

Arch Harris(Adamstown)
1924 Newcastle v Sydney
1925 Northern Districts v England
1925 Newcastle v England
1925 Australia v England(4th Test)
1927 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1928 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
1928 NSW v Victoria(Capt)
1928 Australia tour Dutch East Indies
1928 Australia v NSW

Archie Jackson(Wallsend Rovers/Newcastle West)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria
1888 NSW v Queensland(Capt)

G.Jones(Wallsend Rovers)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland

H.James(West Wallsend Bluebells)
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy

Jimmy Johnston(Wallsend)
1924 NSW v Queensland

P.Jordon(New Lambton)
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1927 Newcastle Bohemia
1927 Newcastle v China
1928 NSW v Victoria

F.Jennings(Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

W.Jennings(Adamstown)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia

J.Jones(Merewether Advance)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia

T.Jowett(East Greta)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

R.Jackson(Hamilton Athletic)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

S.Kidd(Cessnock)
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China

Charlie Kilpatrick(Minmi Rangers)
1888 NSW v Victoria
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

C.Knudson(West Wallsend)
1915 NSW v Queensland

Arthur Lambert(Adamstown)

1922 Newcastle v Queensland *Arthur Lambert*
 1922 Newcastle v SMBFA
 1923 Newcastle v China
 1923 Australia v New Zealand(2nd Test)
 1923 Newcastle v Victoria
 1923 Newcastle v SMBFA
 1924 NSW v Canada
 1924 Australia v Canada(6th Test)
 1924 Newcastle v Canada
 1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron
 1925 Australia v England(4th Test)
 1925 Newcastle v England)

Perce Lennard(Cessnock)

1921 Newcastle v Queensland
 1922 SMBFA v Australia
 1922 NSW v Australia
 1922 NSW v Queensland
 1923 Australia v New Zealand(1st,2nd,3rd Tests)
 1923 SMBFA v Victoria
 1923 NSW v Victoria
 1923 NSW v China
 1923 Australia v China(1st,2nd Tests)
 1923 SMBFA v China
 1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
 1925 Australia v England(1st,2nd,3rd,4th,5th Tests)
 1925 NSW v England
 1925 SMBFA v England
 1932 SMBFA v Queensland

****Please note.**Perce Lennard playing for Australia in the
 First test in Brisbane against New Zealand scored
 Australia's first ever Home International goal

Bill Lambert(Weston)

1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
 1920 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
 1921 NSW v Queensland

F.Leece(Newcastle United)

1921 NSW v Queensland
 1921 NSW v Queensland

J.Laird(Cessnock)

1915 Newcastle v Queensland
 1915 NSW v Queensland

W.M.Lambie(Hamilton Athletic)

1888 Newcastle v Victoria
 1890 Newcastle v Queensland

Bob Liddbury(Wallsend)
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1921 Newcastle v Queensland

J.Liddle(Weston)
1925 SMBFE V England

M.Lee(Adamstown)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

R.Lackie(West Wallsend)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

Jack Mannion(Weston)
1925 SMBFA V England
1926 NSW V Queensland
1927 SMBFA vChina
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 SMBFA V Bohemia

Jack Mannion

Di McLaughlin(West Wallsend)
1918 Newcastle v SMBFA
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 NSW v Queensland
1922 NSW v Australia
1922 NSW v SMBFA
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v SMBFA
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Australia v Canada(4th Test)
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 Newcastle v Queensland

Andy McNaughton(Cessnock)
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1924 Australia v Canada (3rd,4th Tests)

Sid Masters(Kurri Kurri)
1927 SMBFA v China

S.Miller(Wallsend)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

J.Mitchell(Minni Rangers)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

Bill McIlroy(Wallsend)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

W.Maxwell(Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1909 Newcastle v West Australia

H.MuirWest Wallsend)

1923 Newcastle v China

1926 NSW v Queensland

1928 Australia tour Dutch East Indies

1928 Australia v NSW

***Please note Mr Muir's record is continued in the next Volume.

W.McCroarie(Minmi Rangers)

1888 NSW v Victoria

1888 Newcastle v Victoria

J.McCroary(Weston)

1922 Newcastle v Queensland

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 Smbfa v Victoria

1925 SMBFA v England

1925 Australia v England(1st Test)

Perce Moore(Wallsend)

1924 Newcastle v Combined Services Squadron Royal Navy

1927 Newcastle v China

1927 NSW v China

H.McKissock(Granville/Aberdare)

1927 Australia v China(1st,3rd Tests)

1927 Australia v Bohemia(2nd,3rd Tests)

1928 North v South

1928 North v South

(Please see Southern NSW Records before 1928)

G.Mason(West Wallsend)

1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

J.Melville(Newcastle)

1890 Newcastle v Queensland

W.Mathieson(Cessnock)

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v Victoria

A.McNaughton(Weston)

1909 SMBFA v West Wallsend

H.McMinimony(Wallsend)

1890 Newcastle v Queensland

J.McKay(Kurri Kurri)

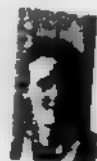
1927 SMBFA v China

1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

A. McNaughton (Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

J. Muir (West Wallsend)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

William "Podge" Maunder (West Wallsend)
1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 NSW v Queensland
1922 Australia tour New Zealand
1922 Australia v NSW
1922 Newcastle v SMBFA
1923 Australia v New Zealand (1st, 2nd, 3rd Tests)
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 Newcastle Queensland
1924 Australia v Canada (3rd, 4th, 5th Tests)
1925 Australia v England (5th Test)
1928 NSW v Australia (Capt)



*Would you please note that William "Podge" Maunder of West Wallsend Bluebell playing for Australia in the First test in New Zealand scored Australia's very first "INTERNATIONAL GOAL" in 1921

Henry "Hen" Maunder (West Wallsend)
1922 NSW v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v China
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 Australia v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v SMBFA
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1924 Australia v Canada (4th Test)
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 NSW v Queensland
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v Queensland
1925 Newcastle v England (Capt)
1925 Northern District v England (Capt)



Roy McNaughton(Cessnock)
 1923 SMBFA v Victoria
 1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
 1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
 1923 SMBFA v Newcastle
 1923 SMBFA v China
 1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
 1924 Australia v Canada(3rd,4th Tests)
 1924 SMBFA v Canada
 1925 Australia v England(1st,2nd,3rd,4th,5th Tests)
 1925 NSW v England
 1925 NSW v England
 1925 Newcastle v England
 1925 SMBFA v England
 1926 Newcastle v Sydney
 1927 SMBFA v Bohemia
 1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
 1927 Australia v Bohemia(1st Test)
 1927 Newcastle v China

Roy McNaughton

Bondi Neal(Kurri Kurri)
 1909 SMBFA v West Australia

Tommy Oliver(Weston)

1922 SMBFA v Australia
 1923 NSW v New Zealand
 1923 SMBFA v Victoria
 1923 NSW v Queensland
 1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
 1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
 1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
 1923 SMBFA v Newcastle
 1923 Newcastle v Victoria
 1923 SMBFA v China
 1923 Australia v China (1st,2nd Test)
 1924 SMBFA v Canada
 1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
 1924 Australia v Canada(1st,3rd,4th,6th Tests)
 1924 NSW v Canada

Tom Oliver

Jimmy Orr(Cessnock)

1924 Australia v Canada(5th Test)

Ernie Owen(Wallsend)

1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
 1923 Australia v New Zealand(3rd Test)
 1923 NSW v New Zealand
 1923 Newcastle v Victoria
 1923 Newcastle v China
 1924 Australia v Canada(3rd,4th Tests)
 1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
 1924 Newcastle v Canada
 1924 Newcastle v Queensland
 1925 Australia v England(1st Test)
 1927 Australia v China(2nd Test)



Jack"Dingy"O'Brien(Wallsend/New Lambton

1927 Newcastle v China
 1927 Australia v China (3rd Test)
 1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
 1928 NSW v Queensland
 1928 NSW v Australia

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Dutchy Phillips(West Wallsend)
1921 Newcastle v Queensland

R.Pollock(Adamstown)
1920 NSW v Queensland
1920 NSW v Queensland

H.Pringle(Kurri Kurri/Wallsend)
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China

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Roy Paddock(Holmesville)
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia

J.Pryde(Merewether Advance)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

E.Price(Adamstown)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia
1909 NSW v West Australia

A.Phillips(Kurri Kurri)
1923 NSW v Victoria
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 Newcastle v Queensland



Charlie Pickerskill(Merewether Advance)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland

D. Russell (Adamstown)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia

Gavin "Massa" Russell (Adamstown) →
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia



Danny Rees (Wallsend) →
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 NSW v Queensland



G. Rowe (Cessnock) →
1924 Australia v Canada (4th Test)
1924 Newcastle v Queensland



Jockey Stevenson(Hamilton Athletic)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

Dave Smart(Burwood United)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria
1888 Newcastle v Queensland

J.Symes(Wallsend)
1898 NSW v Queensland

J.Stewart(West Wallsend)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

J.Stoker(Weston)
1913 NSW v Victoria

R.Sneddon(West Wallsend)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland

J.Saddon(Weston)
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown

J.Strange(Cessnock)
1922 Newcastle v Queensland

Ern See(Wallsend)
1922 NSW v Queensland

W.Stewart(Adamstown)
1924 Newcastle v Canada

Tommy Shakespeare(Weston)
1927 SMBFA v China
1939 Northern District v Palestine

Tommy Sinclair(West Wallsend)
1918 Newcastle v Sydney
1920 NSW v Queensland
1921 NSW v Queensland
1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1922 NSW v Australia
1922 Newcastle v Queensland
1922 NSW v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v Canada

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Jack Taylor(Cessnock)
1927 Newcastle v China(Capt)
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia(Capt)
1927 SMBFA v Bohemia
1933 Australia v New Zealand
1933 Australia Tour New Zealand

Vince Turnbull(Adamstown)
1928 NSW v Australia

W.Thomas(Mayfield)
1921 Newcastle v Queensland

Charlie Thompson(cessnock)
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China

J.Thorpe(Meravether Advance)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania
1915 Newcastle v Queensland
1915 NSW v Queensland

Jimmy Thompson(Cessnock)
1912 NSW v Queensland
1912 NSW v Tasmania
1913 Newcastle v Queensland
1913 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
1914 NSW v Queensland
1914 NSW v Queensland
1915 Newcastle v Queensland

Rags Urwin(Wallsend)

1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1922 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Newcastle v Canada

Keith Urwin(Wallsend)

1921 NSW v Queensland
1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 NSW V New Zealand

W.Victor(Weston)

1927 SMBFA V China
1929 SMBFA v NSW
1932 SMBFA v Queensland
1932 SMBFA v Tasmania

John Winning(Minmi Rangers)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

David Ellis Williams(Minmi Rangers
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania
1913 Newcastle v Queensland
1913 NSW v Queensland
1913 Newcastle v Victoria

D. Williams Sen

S.Woods(West Wallsend)
1928 NSW v Victoria
1928 NSW v Australia
1932 Newcastle v Victoria

C.Williams(Cessnock)
1924 Australia v Canada 4th & 5th Tests)
1925 SMBFA v England

F.Williams(West Wallsend)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland
1913 Newcastle v Queensland

G.Williams(Cessnock)
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1925 SMBFA v England(Capt)

E.Williams(Cessnock)
1922 Newcastle v Queensland
1922 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 SMBFA v Victoria
1923 Australia v China
1924 NSW v Queensland

E.Williams(Weston)
1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

Jimmy "Dummy" Williams(Weston)
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China
1936 The Rest v Australia

J.H.Wishart(Wallsend)
1904 Australia Tour New Zealand

J. Watts (Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

Fred Watson (Merewether Advance)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1920 NSW v Queensland

Arthur Walker (Wallsend)
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia

Weir (Aberdare)
1927 1927 SMBFA v China

W. Walls (Kurri Kurri)
1921 Newcastle v Queensland

T. Wardrop (Cessnock)
1909 SMBFA v West Wallsend

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AS IT WAS THEN

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You are driving up the new section of the Sydney-Hexham freeway, just north of the West Wallsend interchange, you look into the valley below and there you see Minmi a town of appreciable size which dwindled to a hamlet but is now a village and growing again. That is where Hunter Valley Football started in 1884.

Minmi Rangers, now defunct, was established before Liverpool Football Club or Spurs or Arsenal or most of the English Premier League Clubs.

Four Hunter centenarian clubs with similar claims to antiquity and still flourishing are.

Wallsend Rovers 1887 (The Bolshies) Now called the Red Devils) fielded geniuses like Alf Quill, Reg Date, two of the greatest goal scorers the Australian game has seen, with a tally of almost 2000 first class goals between them.

Adamstown Rosebud (1889) with a proud record of never being relegated from the top division of Northern Football, despite the existence of a promotion and relegation system for some decades.

West Wallsend (1891) once had nine players in the same Australian squad.

Aston Villa might challenge that achievement as in about 1920 they bought the entire England side. (Westy however) achieved wonders with their homegrown talent. Interestingly, Aston Villa came last after their investment.

Young Wallsend (1892) Now called Edgeworth) lived in the Shadows of Wallsend Rovers and West Wallsend Bluebells and although they have not quite achieved the greatness of their neighbours they are on the border of a massive Population boom.

From the outset the average northern footballer worked in a coal mine. That isn't hard to explain, a big pit could employ as many as 500 men. There were pits everywhere. Some were "ratholes" with only a handful of employees. The large scale operations had a sprinkling of British migrants; devotees of the round ball game. Their sons, nephews and even grandsons worked beside them. Pinning a scrap of paper to a "prop" at the tunnel entrance was a sure way to recruit a team ... or several teams.

The best players and clubs targeted the Gardiner Cup, 1888-1928, then the pinnacle of Australian Football. A "knockout" competition (in more ways than one), it was the opportunity for Hunter teams to vie with those in Sydney, the Illawarra and remarkably, Lithgow, locally, there was the "Badge Competition", which we would now call the premiership. Looking at the "Badge" tables, you could get the impression that some clubs disappeared from time to time. However there were years when leading clubs decided to concentrate on the Cup and shunned the local competition. People today, even miners working at the coalface, could have only the vaguest idea of what it was like in the pits 100 years ago.

It was dangerous work! It was hard work! it was filthy work! The hours were long and the bath at the end of the day was a cold one! But numbers aside, the miner had three advantages over employee's in most other industries of the day. One, he had every second Saturday off; Two, he was better paid than the average worker; and Three, he had access to rail travel.

Railways were important to the pits even before the steam engine was invented and, in most cases, still are. Even mines with direct access to a wharf were often linked to a rail system. Pit trains served towns along the Belmont line, closed down only in the 1990's. It ran from Adamstown under the Pacific Highway to Burwood Colliery, Whitebridge, Dudley, and Belmont.

The Gully line ran from Broadmeadow through Kotara to the foot of Charlestown. There was the Newcastle-Lambton-Jesmond Wallsend-Young Wallsend-Argenton Boolaroo Speers Point line. Wallsend also had separate connection to the state rail system through Waratah but this was for freight only. West Wallsend was the line that started at Cockle Creek station and also served Killingsworth (spur), Barnsley and Holmesville.

Most important of all was the South Maitland Railway. It ran to Maitland, East Greta, Heddon Greta, Kurri Kurri, Weston, Abermain, Neath, Cessnock, and beyond. There were loops, branches and spurs.

One spur ran from Pelaw Main, itself on a loop, to Stanford Methyr the Ghost railway line you cross by overhead bridge as you enter Kurri Kurri from Mulbring at the Empire Hotel. The Pelaw Main loop started at Weston and took you to Richmond Main, Stockrington and Hexham and by a spur to Minmi. This was the line on which John Brown ran his favourite engines; the ones he bought from France after World War 1. He installed a turntable at Pelaw Main because he didn't like to see them running backwards!

Next time you are in Kurri Kurri have a look at the memorial to the pits that once provided work for local miners. It gives their starting and finishing dates. You'll be fascinated by their names, like

East Greta No.1.1888-1926

East Greta No.2.1894-1929

Glen Greta 1930-1935

Ayrefield No.1.1920-1938

Ayrefield No.2.1924-1931

Heddon Greta 1900-1912

Stanford Methyr 1901-1957

Pelaw Main 1901-1961

Hebburn No.1.1902-1958

Hebburn No.2.1918-1972

Greta Main 1921-1935

Sore Eye 1902-1908

Abermain No.1.1903-1960

Abermain No.2.1910-1963

Abermain No.3.1917-1960

Neath 1906-1957

and John Brown's favourite

Richmond Main 1888-1967 of course it is estimated that their were 28 pits in and around Cessnock at various times which overall gave work to 11,000 miners.

We also had pits like Pelton No.1. Pelton No.2

Pelton No.3, Kalingo, Aberdare South, Aberdare Central,

Maitland Extended, Millfield, Maitland Main, Stanford Main,

and of course who can and should forget Rothbury, and

Bellbird which will long remain a part of the sad history of the Northern Coalfields.

There were pits close to the main Northern line which passed through Awaba, Teralba, Cockle Creek, Cardiff, Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Waratah, Maitland, Greta, and Braxton.

Catherine Hill Bay had no rail link, Their coal went directly onto the colliers moored at their private jetty.

Stockton miners reached the station by ferry, Both localities, however, had well established football clubs.

Their local miners claimed that they quite often heard the coal ships anchor hitting the harbour floor.

Naturally, the pit railways were geared to the needs of mines first and foremost.

When you coupled a carriage or two with the coal train, you had a passenger service.

Regionally, pit trains on private lines carried coal...

Those that carried only people were called "trams".

There was another aspect of travel which comes as something of a surprise. The northern teams eventually

realised that the way to go to Sydney was by tram to Newcastle and then ship. They would leave on Friday night for their Sydney matches. The boat trip solved the

accommodation problem. It also got them to Sydney on Saturday morning, relatively fresh. (I say "relatively"

because managers were not always strong enough or interested enough to limit their drinking and gambling overnight)

The S.S. Hunter (a steamship) was well known to our footballers. There is a fantastic story of Weston's "Whirlwind" Grant.

(don't read any more of this paragraph if you have a weak stomach!). On Thursday evening he cooked a pound of sausages, skinned them and put them into his crib, On Friday morning he went to do his shift.

At the end of it he showered and left on the train for Newcastle Wharf. His first act on board was to buy a bottle of beer in the saloon and take it to his cabin.

There he pulled the chamber pot from under his bunk and gave it a really good clean up. Next he tipped in the beer and the sausages. That evening he played cards with his teammates until midnight when he threw in his hand and walked out.

Two minutes later he carried the chamber pot into the saloon, showed the contents to the fellows and proceeded to drink from it. He then lifted out one of the sausages and gobbled it down. Consternation! Ten men sick over the rail! One stayed there all night and later claimed it was sea-sickness!

As you go through this fascinating history you will discover that teams' names were a mixture of the traditional, such as Rangers, and Rovers, with exotic names like "Trilby" and "Vanity Fair". It's hard to believe, but names like "Bluebells" and "Rosebud" were among the more traditional! Wallsend "Great Boulder" were named after a gold mine near Kalgoorlie. The Great Boulder mine had everybody buzzing in the 1890's as did "Trilby", a novel by G. Du Maurier, published in England in 1894 and later on sale in Sydney and Newcastle. One team or more inevitably lodged that name with the officials at Wallsend. It was a Minmi team that got in first, a fancy name, indeed!

But there was nothing fancy about the gear they wore! Pit trousers and pit boots were the go! The gear, though was usually modified. You could shorten the legs of a pair of pit trousers for comfort sake and anyway, they were

probably already worn through at the knee. You could improve your pit boots by attaching bars to the soles for greater traction. The cast iron cobblers last was standard equipment in every home. Leather was cheap and abundant so all you had to do was cut some strips (you needed a very sharp knife), PUT two or more on top of another and tack them across the soles. It was usually two bars and a "U" toe piece on the sole with one bar on the heel. If you were really handy with leather you might have breaks in the bars halfway across the sole and heel but studs were unheard of. On a slippery field you had a reasonable grip straight ahead.

Veering right or left was another matter entirely.

It was difficult to find tacks long enough so mostly the player used small nails. But it paid to get it right first time. Taking off the bars tendered to leave a line of gaping holes across the soles which then tendered to split under pressure.

You would understand why that situation came about if you knew how important it was to get all the nails turned over properly. It took a bit of hammering. Unfortunately for the amateur shoemaker, there always seemed to be at least one nail cutting into the sole of his foot. He seldom finished a game without a blood soaked sock and a very sore foot; or even two of each. Today's dry weather 'shoe' is moulded with studs or 'blades'. For wet weather, there are "screw-ins" with built in plates first studs of varying length. There is a soft, low profile upper. It is lighter than the early boot.

Yet it is amazing just how long it took for the modern "shoe" to evolve. For 60 or 70 years, football boots remained much like the pit boot with uppers fitted with reinforced toes and extending above the ankles. Sprigs or studs belong to the second half of this century; screw-ins to the last 30 years and blades only to the last couple of years.

Some readers will know that Craig Johnston, the Hunters greatest football player of the 1980s has recently patented a new style of football shoe which pays attention to the problem of how to get "bite" on the ball with the boots upper. His invention seems set to allow players to effortlessly put swerve and dip into their passes and shots. A far cry from the Minmi pit boots but the future of the game is tied to the scoring of goals; lots of goals!. The question is will FIFA approve the new shoe? Lets's just say that it has the backing of Adidas.

Football a century ago was played hard. Some would say ferociously. From the players point of view, though, it was the style of the competitions which hurt most. The one that mattered was the Gardiner Cup played in a format similar to the English or Scottish F.A. Cup.

The Sydney officials took into account the Northern miners work commitments. The Norths Gardiner Cup matches were always played on a Saturday and always on a northern miners pay week-end.

The pit team caught the tram on a Friday evening or very early Saturday morning, and got back home either Saturday or Sunday night.

You can imagine the disappointment of travelling back from a match in Sydney knowing that your season was over maybe after just one game.

Perhaps that is why our northern sides did so well on Sydney trips. There were losers, of course though some players could not accept that their season was over so early.

It was a case that some clubs nominated their teams for all matches, "badges" "Knock outs" etc, or just the competition they thought would suit their players.

Even filling in the team sheets could cause problems. One such player was William "Mick" Lonergan, What happened was that one day the manager would write William Lonergan, the next it would be Bill Lonergan, later still, another manager would write Mick Lonergan, many many people would have known players just by their "nicknames" and often never ever knew the Christian names of even their friends, The same thing happened in the case of Robert, and Bob, Jeff and Geoff, Harry, Henry, Harold Herbert as well as many others.

It is easy to point the finger at some players but there was also some fairly dodgy types in the ranks of officialdom, too, Take the Gardiner Cup Committees decision to withdraw the invitation to northern clubs for the 1904 season!. It wasn't that they had misbehaved; at least NOT IN THE ACCEPTED SENCE. Their crime was to have had the audacity to win the Cup once too often!. Well that is one side of the story. Sydney officials would tell you that the cost of travel for southerners was the only consideration.

The other "officials" had their bad moments too, You might think some of our current referees fall short of expectations but one of the "old stagers" sent off was Weston's Jimmy Williams in rather dubious circumstances. Jim was dismissed for swearing at the referee. It was only after the game that the official discovered that jimmy's nickname, "Dummy", had nothing to do with his skills as a forward. He had been born profoundly deaf. All those years ago, being born deaf meant that you never learned to speak, let alone swear!. "Dummy" must have had very expressive features, or more likely, gestures. Still on the subject of referees, their match fee then was three shillings, four if there happened to be excessive travel. But let's put that in perspective, Early this century Newcastle hosted a Western Australian side. As part of the northern hospitality, the visitors went by tram to Speers Point, Lake Macquarie, where they embarked on three launches for a sight seeing trip. The total expences for, the day? Fifhteen shillings! (For the very young reader, ten cents was equal to one shilling when decimal; currency came in.)

CHURCH SERVICES CUT SHORT

When Minmi Rangers won the Gardiner Cup in 1892, they somehow got in touch with home to give their families and friends the good news, Their folks bubbled with excitement but some realised they would be in church when the tram got back on Sunday evening so they consulted with their respective clergymen. Knowing the extent of the excitement in the community, the ministers all cut short their sermons that night so the families could get down to the station to welcome back their triumphant menfolk. In the year of 1903, it was history repeating itself, only this time it was the Bishop of Auckland team in England near Newcastle. The Bishop of Auckland team had won their Amateur F.A. Cup, returning home on Sunday evening, Their centre forward was the local vicar and the churches shortened their services

so that fans could meet the train!. The talented goal scoring vicar also won theological fame. He later became Bishop of Falkland Islands in the southern Atlantic. Could there have been some confusion in the church hierarchy when this appointment was made.?

It is hard to believe that it was impish humor in men of such rank and gravity. From vicar of Bishop of Auckland to Bishop of Falklands!. The stuff of which tongue twisters are made!. A book such as this is primarily for reference purpose.

It belongs with your dictionary and your encyclopedia. Its wonderful collection of statistics and match reports represents years of hard work.

It is specially for the player and the ex player but also for their descendants. Family and place names jump out at you from every page. Anyone with a Welsh background will be in heaven. Railway buffs will enjoy picturing to themselves the teams travels. Certainly it is a splendid acquisition for those with an interest in the Hunter region and a desire to know more of its background.

The Captive Settlers of Newcastle

Since the arrival of the first "captive" settlers in Newcastle, some form of ball game has been played. The rules were not many, the playing areas were not so well defined; much different to what we have today. With the discovery of Newcastle, the dependence on coal has been paramount to the life of this area.

The early influence and the scars left by coal mining are still evident in some suburbs today.

Little would Lieutenant John Shortland, in his search for escaped convicts in 1797 when he crossed the bar of Port Hunter, and found large quantities of coal on the foreshores and outcrops on the cliff faces, realised to what extent this coal would have on Newcastle in the year's to come.

Many coalmines would be developed in and around Newcastle at such suburbs as Stockton, Carrington, The Glebe, Adamstown, Hamilton, Lambton, Wallsend, West Wallsend, Minmi, and then still later to the South Maitland fields, and later still to the Singleton and Muswellbrook areas.

The island entrance to Port Hunter (Nobbys) at this stage was still separated from the mainland, was charted by Captain James Cook in May 1770 on his voyage north in the HMS Endeavour.

It was later realised that the volume of water coming down the Hunter represented the joint catchment of the Coquon (Hunter), Yimrang (Paterson) and Doorribong (Williams) Rivers. The large area of swamplands in the vicinity of Hexham extending almost to Wallsend was known in the earliest times as Barrahebin and termed the Delta of the Hunter. The modern name for the channel to Wallsend is Iron Bark Creek.

Wallsend perpetuates the love of England; characteristic of its founders who hailed from Wallsend at the old Roman wall on the River Tyne in Northumberland England. Minmi became the first town in Newcastle to officially play football according to British Rules in 1884. Many miners from Scotland had settled in Newcastle and soon accepted work in Minmi.

Coalmining as you would all know, or should know, was and is, very hazardous work; even more so in the 1880's, with many deaths recorded each year.

Wherever new mines opened, new football clubs sprang up. It was quite common for small mining villages to have two or three teams competing with fierce but friendly rivalry.

In the years between 1900 and 1928, when the miners worked the back shift on Saturdays, it was quite common to see these hard working miners arrive at the ground with blackened faces and still in their dirty working clothes, change quickly into their football gear and take the field. After the game, a cold shower change of clothes and the celebrations would begin for both loser and victor, as well as all supporters. Friendships grew and grew that lasted a lifetime; such was the comradeship that was made on the football field.

How things have changed today; no get together after a match, friendships not really made as yesterday, now we all leave to go our separate ways, WHY?

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AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr. Hetherington,

I am at last replying to your letter of 22nd March 1991 and enclosing the only piece of information we can trace at the Club relative to award of the cup to Queen's Park as the result of Vale of Leven refusing to play the match.

I trust this will assist you.

Yours sincerely,

J. Balmain

pp J.C. Rutherford - Secretary

Enc.

THE BOOK OF FOOTBALL

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NORTHERN DISTRICT BRITISH
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
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IN THE BEGINNING.

In the early 1880's football was born in the north, in the thriving coalmining centre of Minmi, an Aboriginal name for the large water lily, which was very common in the area.

The event was sparked by the arrival of a four page Scottish newspaper addressed to Mr. Jack Winning and posted in faraway Cambuslang in Scotland, nearly six months before.

Mr. Winning was one of the many Scots who migrated in the early 1880's to hew coal in one of John Brown's mines. The wages at the time were very attractive but the majority regarded their location as an isolated spot with very few attractions. There was comradeship in the boarding houses, long walks through virgin bushland and "Kirk" on Sundays.

For a certain group, it became a daily custom when the day's toil ended, to wend their way home for a bath and a real miner's meal, and then to walk to the top of the school hill. Here items of interest were discussed; mainly on how to improve their working conditions. But on a certain Spring day in 1884, as the group walked along the winding main road, the postmistress hailed Mr. Winning with the news, "A NEWSPAPER FROM HOME FOR YOU!".

The group of miners stopped near where the sandstone school was being extended to meet the demands of the growing population. When interviewed some years later, Mr. Winning said, "Sure, I REMEMBER THE DAY. THE DEPARTING SUN LEFT ITS CRIMSON REFLECTIONS ON THE WESTERN SKY;.. a scene really to beautiful to describe. But we, as new chums, had come to realise it would be a warmer day tomorrow." Besides Mr. Winning, the group comprised Bob Frame, Jim Wilson, Charlie Kilpatrick, Bill McIlroy, Jim and Bill McCroarie, and Andy Bryden.

Local and current topics having been discussed and prompted by a caustic remark from Bob Frame, Mr. Winning opened his newspaper to share the news from back home. "All went well until I struck a small paragraph about the Scottish Cup Final Of 1884 between Queens Park and the Vale of Leven." Mr. Winning said. We had scanned every inch of all newspapers for a month looking for the results of the final.

Our enquiries were soon answered when I read these words."

Secretary J. Walker

Patron H.M. The Queen

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"The final tie, therefore, was left to be fought for the first time between the renowned rivals, the Queen's Park and Vale of Leven. Both clubs being agreeable, it was unanimously decided that it be played on February 23rd. On Wednesday, 20th February, the Vale of Leven telegraphed to say that as several of their team were unable to play, they could not meet the Queen's Park on the Saturday, and hoped they would receive an extension of time. A meeting of the Business Committee was immediately called, and, after fully viewing the matter in its different aspects, they decided that it would be establishing a dangerous precedent to grant an extension of time so near the day of the match, and without the concurrence of the other club interested; in addition to which it had to be borne in mind the serious interference which would have been made with the existing arrangements had another day been given. Finally the Secretary was instructed to notify to the Vale of Leven that they must play on the date originally appointed. The Vale of Leven again telegraphed that they would not play, and having failed to put in an appearance, the Queen's Park claimed the Cup. The General Committee afterwards confirmed the action of the Business Committee, and awarded the Cup to the Queen's Park. This unfortunate hitch was the cause of deep regret to your Committee."

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THE GLASGOW HERALD,

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1884

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

The final tie for the Scottish Cup, which should have been played on Saturday between the Vale of Leven and Queen's Park did not come off, and the Queen's Park met the St. Lennox instead, winning by four goals to none. Before the game began the Queen's Park appeared on the ground and claimed the cup, which the referee awarded them pending confirmation by the Association. A meeting of the Queen's Park will be held this evening to consider whether they will enforce their claim or meet the Vale of Leven later on. The Scottish Association have a committee meeting on Saturday, when the matter will come up for discussion. As Hootie the Queen's Park juniors beat the club of that town by 9 goals to 1. The Blackburn Olympics defeated the Dumbarton at Blackburn by four goals to three, which proves that the Queen's Park may expect a stiff game with the Olympics in the English Cup tie which is to be played at Nottingham on Saturday next. —North County beat Aston Villa by two goals to none.

"There was silence till Charlie Kilpatrick said, 'Fancy not playing the Final, Minnie would have rushed the chance', and that really started the fun," continued Mr. Winning and in no time things moved quickly.

"Scones McCroarie chipped in with 'Lets form a football club here, to break the monotony, otherwise I'll leave for Sydney'."

Suggestions came thick and fast, A deputation comprising Winning, Frame, and Wilson saw the Colliery Clerk, Bill Ritchie, after work the next day and explained the move.

Bill Ritchie, Australian born, listened intently and was soon won over as an enthusiast and promised to act as the club secretary.

As the deputation moved off the office verandah, the Pit Manager, Mr Gardiner, came out and asked what was going on. As soon as he was informed, he put his hand in his pocket and donated a sovereign, instructing Mr Ritchie to give a similar donation from the cash box.

The next move was a brisk walk down to Gillons shop, also a dour Scot, where three balls were ordered.

John
Winning



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Bonnie Doon

Word soon got round Minmi of the proposed formation of a Football Club, and very soon Florins and half florins flowed in at a rapid rate.

The next night the club was officially formed with the following.

President Mr Gardiner
Secretary Mr Bill Ritchie
Treasurer Mr Stevenson
Ball Stewards Messrs Winning & Frame.
Umpire Mr Stevenson
Club Colours All White.

"It did not take long to obtain a suitable name.

MINMI RANGERS.

A small committee comprising Messrs Winning, Frame, Wilson and Kilpatrick selected Kelly's Paddock as the playing ground.

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Now this small notice was to bring much fame to Minmi.

NOTICE

FOOTBALL PRACTICE IN KELLYS PADDOCK

NEXT MONDAY

ALL INVITED

JOIN THE CLUB...NOW...FEE...2/-

W.J.RITCHIE,Secretary..

At first,dozens flocked down to the ground...many to kick the ball,but just as many to have a peep at this new form of sport.

Very soon,and for safety sake,the younger players were separated from older and more experienced men. One enthusiastic player,Peter Reid,lived at Lambton and rode a horse to work daily. He informed the committee that there were half a dozen players in the Hamilton area looking for a game. This gave Secretary Ritchie the idea of a match between players from Hamilton and Lambton areas.

Mr Reid was the prime mover in staging this game,now recognised as the first football match in the Newcastle area. He secured permission to mark out a football field in the old Lambton Park,an area adjacent to Elder Street. Bill Stevenson,then too old to play,was named as umpire. The match attracted much public interest and over 600 crowded around the playing area. Lambton Park in those days, the "Mecca"for sporting events such as the porridge-eating competition,dog coursing,handball,and clay ends(Quoits), had their following. The offering of a game of football according to British Association Rules,naturally drew a much larger crowd than was anticipated. It has been very difficult to pinpoint the exact lineup of both teams,but it was generally accepted that the following people played.

MINMI RANGERS(All White) 2 v Lambton-Hamilton 2

J.Winning	T.Dixon
W.McCroarie	J.Stevenson
C.Kilpatrick	M.Lambie
J.Wilson	R.Jackson
W.McIllroy	G.Richardson
J.McCroarie	Gilchrist
J.Reid	C.Edgerton
R.Frame	J.Bromley
A.Bryden	L.Gibson
S.Mitchell	C.Aiken
J.Laverty	A.Todd

Umpire Bill Stevenson

And so into history goes the very first match of Football ever played in Newcastle.

To commemorate this match, the Newcastle City Council some Years ago placed a little plaque near the old band stand in Lambton Park. (But dont strain your eyes looking for this piece of history; if you blink you will miss it. The Council should be ashamed of itself for such a miserable little piece of history).

The coal industry around Newcastle experienced rapid development in the late 1880's and many miners migrated from Scotland, England and Wales. Pockets of football enthusiasts sprang up around the pit heads at Minmi, Hamilton, Burwood, Wallsend, Greta, Carrington, and Stockton. However, all football activities were limited to pay weekends; two Saturdays per month.

On 13th June 1885, Lambton Thistles (3) DEFEATED Caledonians (1) at Lambton Park.

15th August 1885 Granville 5 v Lambton Thistles 0
In the State Cup (Rainsford Trophy) semi final Granville 5 defeated Lambton Thistles 0.

Competition For 1886

1886 arrived before any form of competition could be arranged. The isolation from Sydney was a bar against extensive competition travelling.

A strong club was formed at Hamilton where a group consisting of T.J. Dixon, R. Jackson, M. Lambie, J. Orr, A. Jackson, J. Stevenson, R. Vardy, A. Currie, D. Liddle, P.J. Davidson, J. McLeary, C. Dunlop, F. Maxwell, J. Berrage, D. Aitken, W. Mason, J. Flemming, J. Welsh, R. Richmond, F. Renman, J. Rice, D. Houston, W. Lithgow, J. Millar, J. Brown, and D.A. Spant soon had things moving.

The Clubs eyes turned in two directions; to Minmi for local challenges and to Sydney for State honours. Minmi had a very large squad of players and for historical purposes we list them here:

John Winning, James McCroarie, John Lavery, Bob Frame, Bill Brown, Charlie Kilpatrick, John Gilchrist, James Watson, Andy Bryden, Bill McIlroy, Wal Clarke, John Spiers, Don Grant, George Slavers, John Williamson, Ron McKenzie, Tom Jeffries, John Robson, Charlie Hammond, George Wood, John Haddon, Bill Durrant, Joe Burns, John Scott, Bob Reid, Bill Stevenson, Jim Connelly, Jimmy Curran, Jimmy Wilson, Bill McCroarie, John Mitchell, S. Mitchell, and the Kirkwood Bros.

Official Opening of Season 1886.

The season opened on the 24th April 1886 when Granville visited Minmi. This match drew a crowd of more than 1,000 people and a silver coin collection totalled over £25 Pounds.

The teams were

Minmi Rangers	3 v	Granville	2
J. Winning		T. Heathcote	
J. McCroarie		W. Baillie	
C. Kilpatrick		F. McAdams	
J. Wilson		D. Rae	
J. Curran		L. Picken	
W. McIlroy		R. Walker	
J. Lavery		J. Hotchkiss	
W. McCroarie		A. Howieson	
J. Mitchell		J. Adams	
W. Kirkwood		W. McDowall	
J. Gilchrist		J. Winters.	

Minmi win over Granville was meritorious because Granville had defeated Caledonians in the 1885 State Cup.

A month later a start was made on the local competition. The first match at Minmi was between Minmi Rangers and Hamilton Athletic, with the Rangers winning 3x1. W. McCroarie(1) Jimmy Curran(2) WERE the scorers for Minmi, and Stevenson scored for Hamilton Athletic.

Nominations for the State Cup.

Seeking greater honours Minmi Rangers and Hamilton Athletic nominated for the Rainsford Cup., But both clubs were disappointed when they were drawn against each other in the first round.

Hamilton Athletic arranged two matches in Sydney to prepare itself for the coming Cup matches.

Hamilton Athletic played a 2x2 draw against Pyrmont Rangers, but were well and truly trounced by the talented Caledonian team 6x1.

The Cup tie between Minmi Rangers and Hamilton Athletic attracted a crowd in excess of 2000. With the score locked at 1x1 and five minutes left to play. Curran scored for Minmi Rangers to make the final score 2x1 A newspaper report said "...it was excitement supreme as both teams played attractive football based on pure Scottish fundamentals, Such games must popularise the round ball game.

Minmi entered the Cup Final, but were well beaten by Granville 2x0. The bitterness of the defeat was somewhat lessened by the Rangers annexing the Ellis Cup.

It was Minmi Rangers first trophy and was presented by Mr J.C. Ellis, a local member of the State Legislative Assembly who for many years was a keen supporter of the code.

HAMILTON ATHLETIC

By the end of the 1886 season, membership of this club had increased so rapidly that the club officials advised a large group of players to form a new club at Glebe, where a suitable ground was available.

To help this project, Hamilton and Glebe played a "friendly" at Redheads Paddock, which was won by the visitors 3x1.

The outstanding player was the former Brechin City player Dave Smart, who for year's was a leading administrator in the north.

The Hamilton Athletic team were.

J. Dixon, D. Aitken, W. Mason, J. Flemming, J. Welsh, J. Brown, A. Jackson, R. Jackson, D. Liddle, R. Richmond, J. Orr, Dave Smart

K. Renman, J. Davidson, J. McLeary, F. Maxwell, J. Berrage.

MORE PROGRESS

During the season, new clubs were formed at Greta which would be known as Greta Bluebells; the officials were Bo Arbuckle, Peter Bowling, and Bill Stevenson, jobs were available at the two Greta mines and a number of Newcastle players went north. At Carrington more than 100 miners were placed at the Mosquito Island Colliery, Jack Bromley Arch Wilson, and George Currie registered a club under the name of Carrington Blackwatch which was officially formed at Burwood in May 1887 at Readheads Hotel.

The officials of the club were
Bill Galloway (Capt) John McLeary (Vice President)
Dave Smart (Secretary) George Brown (Treasurer)
and a committee of six.

New move by Association

A progressive move by the Association was the formation of a district committee of four - Smart, Ritchie, Bowling, with Bromley as Secretary.

The plan was to:

- 1) Hold a series of home and away games for competition
- 2) Hold a knock out series.

The first match at Greta was a Challenge Match between Minmi Rangers (2) and Greta Bluebells on the 13th May, 1887. In the first competition match at Greta, the locals beat Carrington Blackwatch 6x0.

For the record, the Greta Bluebells team was
H. Isles F. Keenan, W. Clarke, W. Jones, N. O'Donnell
R. Arbuckle (1) Peter Bowling (1) Bill Stevenson (2) S. Bevan (1)
W. Simpson (1) And P. Richardson.

The Carrington Blackwatch team was
R. McQuinn, W. Kear, T. Lindsay, R. Smith, R. Blakely, A. Wilson,
C. Gourlay G. Glasgow, G. Currie, W. McNeal, J. Bromley.

After a very promising start to the local Badge series, Secretary Bromley was sent to Sydney to address the Sydney delegates. His visit was successful and the entry of Hamilton Athletic into the Rainsford State Cup was accepted. He also secured the first representative match for the north to be played on the Queen's Birthday at Hamilton. Because of travelling difficulties, Minmi Rangers decided not to enter the State Cup (Rainsford Trophy). The holiday clash proved to be successful; so successful in fact that £51 Pounds was taken at the gate from the collection boxes and over 2,000 people witnessed an action packed match.

Sydney Team 0

A. Stephens
W. Baillie (Capt)
T. Barrington
R. Walker
R. Hitchens
J. Picken
C. P. Stephens
J. Greig
D. Kerr
P. Adams
F. West

Newcastle Team 1

T. Dixon
J. Wilson (Capt)
R. Jackson
J. Robson
D. Aitken
W. McIllroy
W. McCroarie
J. Stevenson (1)
J. Gibson
J. Lavery
W. Lambie

The 1886 Competition Points table reads as follows

	P	W	L	D	GF	A	PTS.
Hamilton Athletic	8	6	.	2	38	11	14
Minmi Rangers	8	5	1	2	24	11	13
Greta Bluebells	8	4	3	1	21	13	9
Carrington Black Watch	8	2	6	0	9	42	4
Greta Black Watch	8	.	8	.	7	23	0

FIRST DOUBLE FIGURE SCORE

The first double figure score resulted when Hamilton Athletic beat Carrington Black Watch 12x2 with Jockey Stevenson netting 7 goals; a record that stood for many seasons.

The knock out series proved more popular than the Badge competition.

The Badge results were

Minmi Rangers	3 v Greta Bluebells	2
Hamilton Athletic	1 v Carrington Black Watch	0

In the Final Minmi Rangers beat their old rivals Hamilton Athletic 1.x 0

In the Rainsford Trophy (State Cup) Hamilton Athletic had beaten Pymont Rovers 3 x 1 at Hamilton.

In the Semi Final in Sydney, they ousted the Favourites Pymont Rangers 3 x 2. with Stevenson scoring 2 goals and Lambie 1. The Secretary of Hamilton Athletic Mr.R.Jackson, persuaded the players to have special training for the Cup Final listed for Sydney Showground on the 27th August,

A group of local businessmen and sporting folk opened a fund to send the team to Sydney on the Friday to have a good rest before the match. Their opponents, Granville, were quoted at 1/4 favourites because they had won two previous Cup Finals

Granville's "Big Three." Walker, Baillie, and Picken set out to rattle the methodical Miners but Hamilton Athletic rose to the occasion with astute counter tactics, which paid off.

Lambie opened the scoring for Hamilton Athletic, and before Granville could recover, Currie put another past Nelson, the Granville goalkeeper.

Then Sorlie for Granville, reduced the lee way just on half time.

In the second half, Hamilton Athletic were obviously superior. Their more skilful play proved too much and further goals by Edgton and Stevenson soon had the scoreline reading 4x1.

It was in the following match, however, that Stevenson was given the nick name of "JOCKEY": by a Sydney newspaper journalist who wrote that the "midget" dribbler rode the ball with the skill of a jockey, and that "he was a real menace to Granville".

Many years later, Stevenson became a businessman in Kurri Kurri and as a result donated the handsome Stevenson Cup, the symbol of a K.O. Championship on the Maitland Coalfields and later for all comers in the 1922-1940 era.

GRETA

A public meeting in the old band rotunda in the park in High Street, Greta, held in June 1887 formed the first soccer club north of Newcastle.

There were 41 enthusiasts present including a dozen or more who had played the game overseas. Many were miners who had trekked North from Newcastle where there was a slackness in the coal trade. Peter Bowling was the inaugural secretary with M. North as president and J. Arbuckle as treasurer. The joining fee was two shillings per playing member.

A letter was received from Jack Bromley, treasurer of the Carrington Blackwatch, offering a challenge match to introduce the code to the Greta public.

At the first committee meeting held early in July in the Tattersall's Hotel, it was agreed to accept this challenge.

The name of the club was chosen — Greta Bluebells. Other names suggested were Greta Wanderers and Greta Rangers. It was agreed to entertain the visitors at a sit-down luncheon and the aid of local ladies was sought.

On 5th July, the visitors arrived early and were given a civic welcome by the Mayor of Greta, Dr. G. J. Walker and Mr. G. Batey, the Town Clerk.

It was a real gala day for the surrounding area and 500 gathered around the playing area in Greta Park.

Greta proved too fast for the opposition and after leading by 2 to 0 at half-time, ran out winners by 6 to 0 with Bowling (2), Stevenson, Bevan, Simpson and Arbuckle doing the scoring. The teams who played in that historical match lined up as follows:

Greta Bluebells (white shirt with blue sash) — H. Isles, F. Keenun, W. Clarke, W. Jones, N. O'Donnell, R. Arbuckle, P. Bowling, Wm. Stevenson, S. Bevan, W. Simpson, S. Richardson.

Carrington Blackwatch (black shirt, gold sash) — R. McQuinn, W. Kerr, T. Lindsay, R. Smith, R. Blackley, A. Wilson, C. Gourlay, C. Glasgow, C. Currey, W. McNeal, J. Bromley.

Before the winter ended, Greta showed further improvement by holding the famous Minmi Rangers to a 3 to 2 defeat on Minmi's home ground.

Peter Bowling was Greta's star. It is worth noting that Bowling later became a leading miners' advocate. After the 1909 strike for the abolition of the afternoon shift (3 p.m. to 11 p.m.), Bowling, along with four other mining officials, were sent to gaol for their efforts in prolonging the strike.

In 1900 the Greta Cameos Club was formed by the enthusiastic North family and entered the Newcastle competition. Matches were played each fortnight and the club won 7, drew 2, lost 9 of its matches, finishing in fifth position. Bill Waugh (10) and Ern Pickin (8) were chief scorers. Registered players included: E. Allanson, Garnet Hodges, Geo. Hodges, J. Beatty, Jack Hodges, F. North, R. North, N. Chappell, E. Pickin, Waugh, W. Dempsey, J. Wholan, T. Chappell, W. Dimmock, E. Minto, J. Jackson, C. Hogan, J. North, G. Reeves, J. Hanley, J. Henderson.

During World War I, the Whitburn Stars came into existence and played in the S.M. senior grade. *South Maitland*

In the 1919 season, Greta entered a 5-teams competition, but shortage of players plus financial difficulties did not allow them to do themselves justice. However, their goalie, "Scotty" Gilchrist, proved a real star. He was so active and pugnacious that he became the most popular keeper in the North. Some of his long clearance punts were amazing while his punching in goal-mouth melees often brought fear into the minds of opposing forwards. He later went to Wallsend where he won representative honours.

After several years of continual struggle plus unemployment at the Whitburn and Anvil Creek Mines, the club disbanded but the game was continued by local juniors.

This club won a niche in soccer history as its eleven consisted on many occasions of ten Hodges and a goalie. Bill Lennard, formerly of Kurri Kurri. Later a nephew, "Wedge" Durie was included. The stars were: Bill Lennard, Perce Hodges, Alec Hodges, George "Doodle" Hodges, Jack Hodges Snr., Garnet Hodges, Henry Hodges, Jack Hodges (son of Jack Snr.), Alf "Sonny" Hodges, Fred Hodges, Artie Hodges, W Durie.

Later, when Fred (inside left) retired, his place was taken by Alfie (son of Alf). Left winger Alf Hodges won interdistrict honours

in 1920. In 1917, six of the Hodges won a six-a-side series at Weston while in 1919, the same six won a similar honour at Adamstown in a patriotic series.

Since 1920, only junior soccer has been played at Greta. The club produced some very fine players in Bob McKinnon, Win Kelleher, "Wingy" Lewis, Alby Goldent, Bert Palmer, Tom Heuston, Len Bates, Wal Skillicorn, Perce Hodges Jr., K. Bell, H. Kedwell, L. Siddens, F. Nevin, M. Nevin, J. Picken, J. Wholert, C. Short, E. Short, R. Crawley, E. O'Donnell, A. Cruickshanks.

1887

FORMATION OF Wallsend Rovers

7th June 1887.

The Wallsend Football Club was formed at the Metropolitan Hotel in Wallsend on the 7/6/1887 with the Club Colours being Red Shirt with a 3 inch Gold Sash from the left shoulder to the right waist. with long white trousers, of Ankle length.

The first registered players for the club were, David Gilchrist, J. Gilchrist, W. Miller, J. Miller, S. Miller, Arthur Mansfield, J. Barker, W. Stein, W. Batty, A. Charlesworth, W. McIlroy, and G. Youll.

Now these facts must be recorded that in season 1888 through the efforts of Secretary Thomas Mansfield, the touring Victorian representative team would play in Newcastle.

Included in the Newcastle team would be three players from the Wallsend Club, in A. Charlesworth, S. Miller, and W. McIlroy.

Wallsend would play its early Football on Federal Park and Wallsend Park. until 1921-1922, where upon it leased a portion of ground known as Johnson's Paddock. The 1930 Annual Report of the club shows that Wallsend decided that they should buy the ground from the Wallsend Coal Co.

The Wallsend & Plattsburg Sun of the 6/7/1888 states: "The Woodward Bros Crystal Palace Circus will play at Lambton and Wallsend in the Coming weeks.

The circus did perform at Wallsend on Johnson's Paddock which was and still is divided in two by a storm water creek which flows past the Crystal Palace, crosses Tyrrell, Nelson, and Boscowan Streets, and flows past Federal Park and then into Iron Bark creek, and into the Hunter River at Hexham.

Also running into this drain (Later a Canal) past the Football ground which crossed Bousfield Street and along Bunn St then down into the Canal was a very fast running creek called "Smartarse Creek". It was through the Woodward Bros Circus that the Famous Wallsend Crystal Palace Football Ground would name its ground.

The 1930 Annual report shows that the "BOLSHIES" had paid their first deposit on their ground.

The Original Inhabitants

The original inhabitants of Wallsend were the Awabakal people, who flourished in Newcastle (Mulubinba) Lake Macquarie (Awaba) was adjacent localities. An abundance of food (Fish, Game, and Vegetables) were responsible for a large population.

Their language has been in the main preserved; but the Railway Commissioners were the only public body which accorded recognition until the early 1930's when several subdivisions have had the native names placed upon the streets and roads.

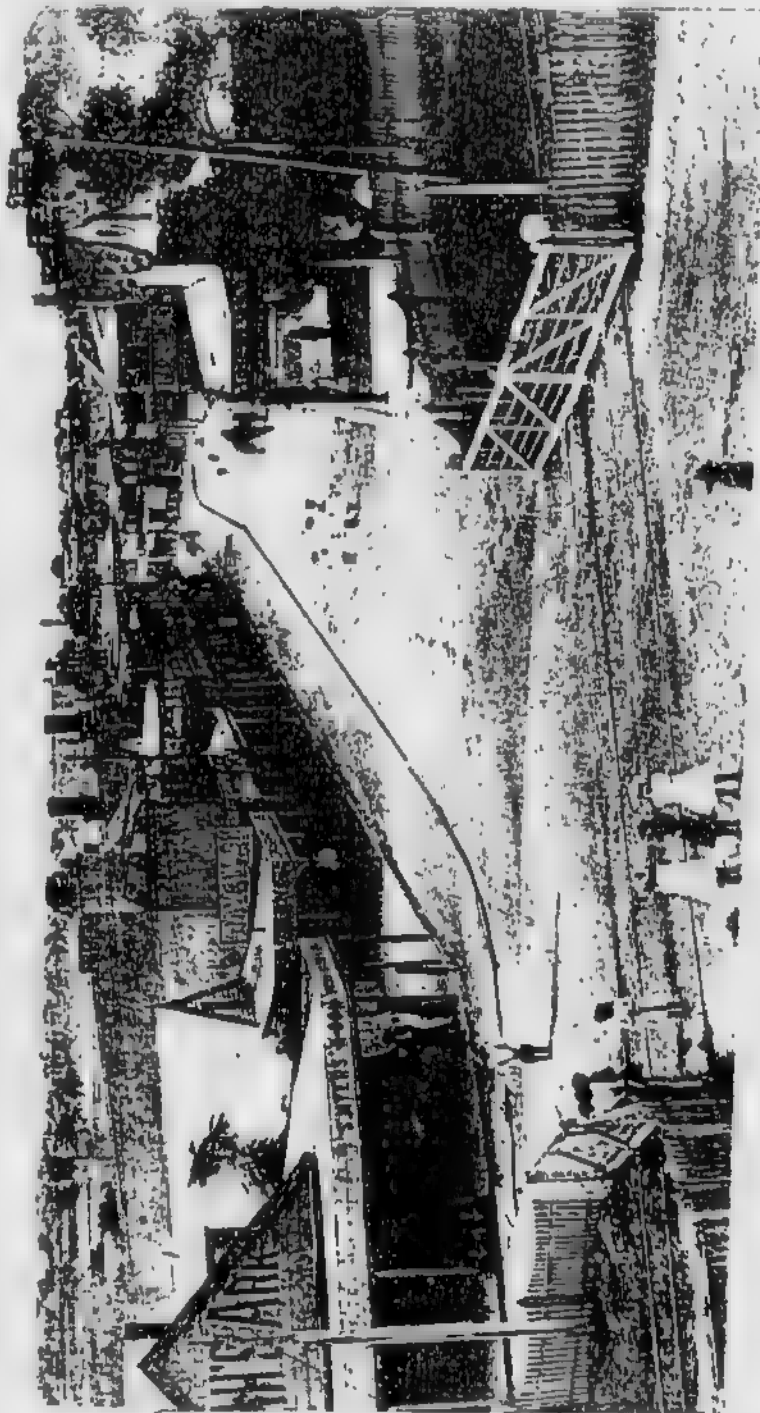
An instancing the applicability of such names: Wallsend might have borne the title Nikkinba, the place of coals;

Youngwallsend (Edgeworth) may have been designated Tulkaba the place of the soft Ti Tree; Whilst

West Wallsend could carry the Cuphonious distinctive name of PIT(BA, the place of the pipe clay.

"BUT"WHO WOULD HAVE THE GALL TO SUGGEST THAT THE NAME West Wallsend should be changed, which would virtually mean dropping that part of "History"that old "Westy" is known for.

"Here are some early photo's of Wallsend.



Reiron at Walsend showing sandline house



The Metropolitan Hotel Wallsend 1887

The first officials of Wallsend Rovers were.
 President James Fletcher
 Secretary Thomas Mansfield
 Vice Presidents David Davids & George Stewart
 Committee G. Youll, S. Miller, W. Stein, Dave Gilchrist,
 W. Batty, Arthur Mansfield, W. Miller, W. McIlroy,
 Sid Henwood

From this humble beginning, one of the Commonwealth's
 greatest Football Clubs was born..

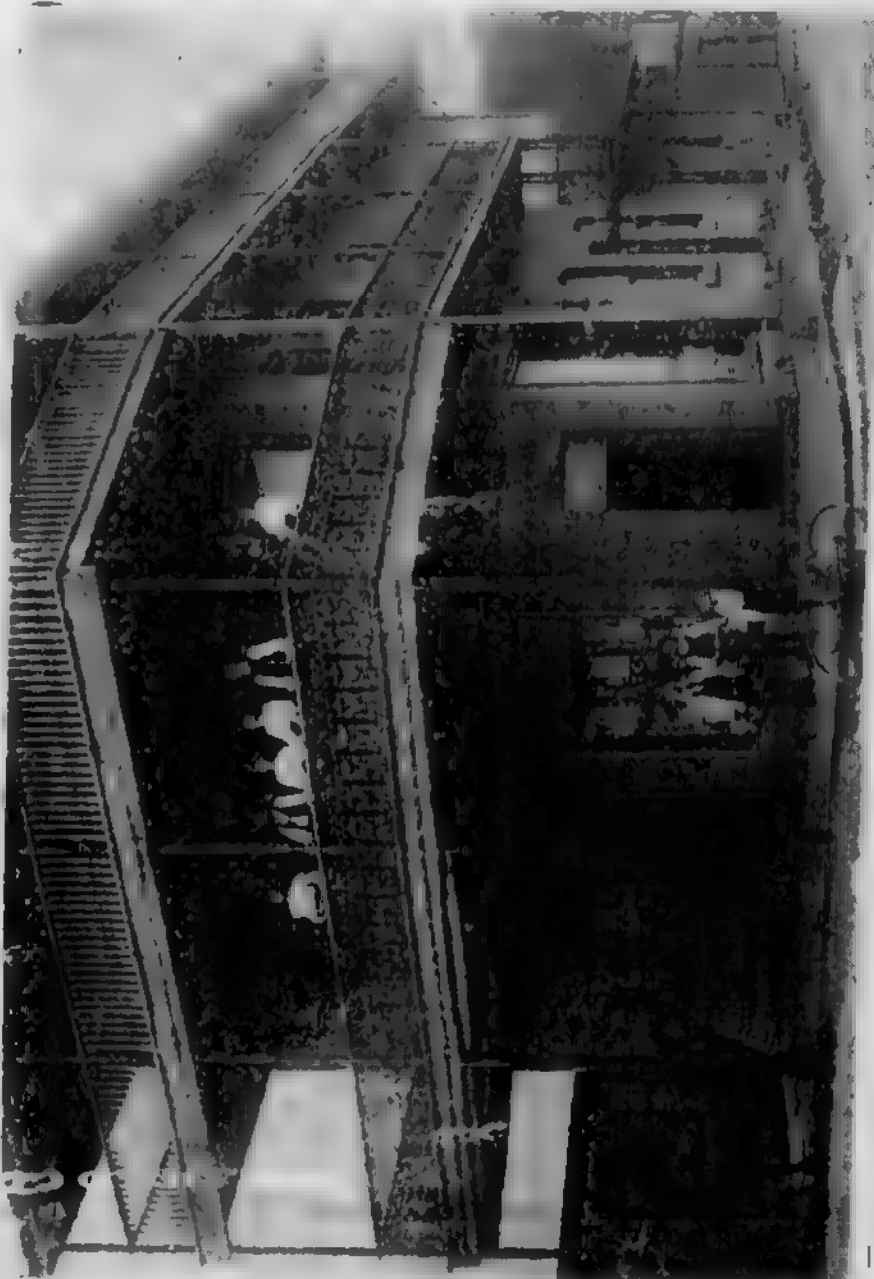
This Crystal Palace Club later in the 1939-1945 era
 raised many Thousands of Pounds for the comfort of
 Australian Troops on leave.

Wallsend always donated the ground free to help any
 worthy cause, Wallsend Hospital and Wallsend Ambulance's
 also received much needed funds from the Generous
 Wallsend Football as did all Charities.

"BUT WHEN WALLSEND NEEDED HELP TO SAVE IT'S GROUND
 FEDERAL AND STATE AID COULD NOT BE SEEN"

***Please note the Hall next to the Hotel is the Salvation
 Army Hall, that was later moved to Council Street and is
 is still used today, after having been remodelled

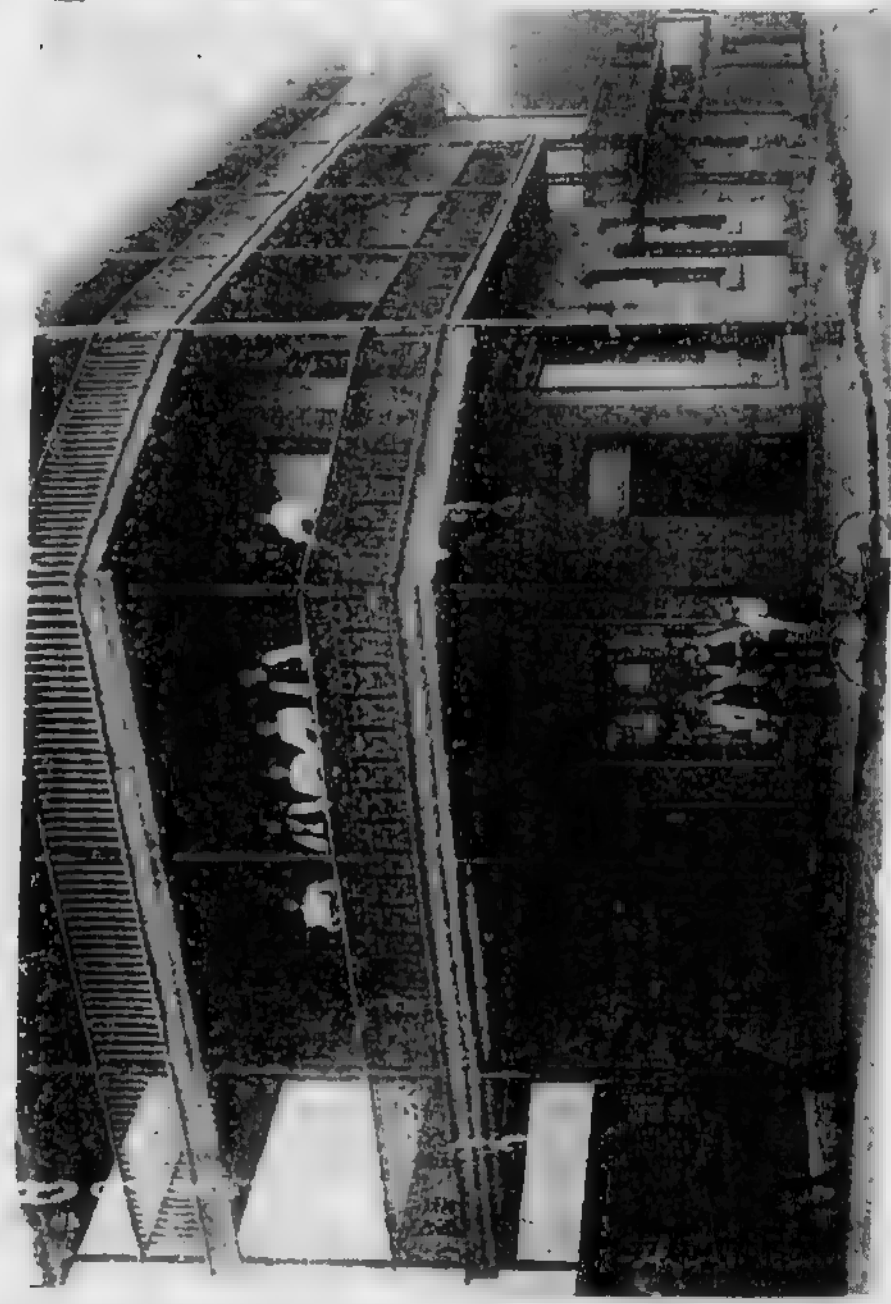
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1887 Points Table	Carrington	Glebe	Greta	Hamilton	Rangers	Rovers	Points
Carrington B'watch	X	2-1, 2-1	0-6, 1-4	2-14, 1-6	0-6, 1-4	0-1, 2-2	5
Glebe B'watch	1-2, 1-2	X	2-3, 1-3	0-4, 2-5	0-1, 0-3	2-2, 0-1	1
Greta Bluebells	6-0, 4-1	3-2, 3-1	X	0-2, 1-2	3-3, 1-2	0-3, 3-1	11
Hamilton Athletic	14-2, 6-1	4-0, 5-2	2-0, 2-1	X	0-2, 3-3	6-1, 2-0	17
Minmi Rangers	6-0, 4-1	1-0, 3-1	3-3, 2-1	2-0, 3-3	X	4-1, 3-1	18
Walkend Rovers	1-0, 2-2	2-2, 1-0	3-0, 1-3	1-6, 0-2	1-4, 1-3	X	8

Sydney

2 v Newcastle

2

24/5/1887

A. Stephens
W. Baillie (Capt)
T. Barringham
R. Walker
R. Hitchens
J. Picken
C. P. Stephens
J. Greig
D. Kerr
P. Adams
F. West

T. Dixon
J. Wilson (Capt)
R. Jackson
D. Atkins
W. McIlroy
J. Robson
W. McCroarey
J. Stevenson
J. Gibson
J. Cafferty
W. Cambre

This Photo has been taken from the bottom of Nanny Goat Hill
The big vacant area mark(x) is the present Canal.
The Goods Shed can also be seen.
The area on the right mark.(xx) Is the Bowling Club,
and was known as Gander Flat.
The old Wallsend Cemetary on Newcastle Road and Thomas
Street can also be seen on the top right hand corner.



1888 Season.

Victoria Comes To Newcastle.

Because of the efforts of Thomas Mansfield. Victoria played Newcastle at the Newcastle Cricket Ground 21/8/88

Newcastle XI	2 v Victoria	2
J. Winning (Minmi Rangers)		
D. Smart (Burwood United)		
A. Jackson (Hamilton Athletic)		
W. McIlroy (Wallsend)		
G. Hunter (Burwood United)		
M. Lambie (Hamilton Athletic)		
J. Stevenson (Hamilton Athletic)		
S. Miller (Wallsend Rovers) 2)		
A. Charlesworth (Wallsend Rovers)		
R. Jackson (Hamilton Athletic)		
J. Edgton (Hamilton Athletic)		
**J. Curran (Minmi Rangers) withdrew because of injury)		

Umpire Thomas Mansfield

In the Badge series there were five entrants, Burwood United, Greta Bluebells, Hamilton Athletic, Minmi Rangers, Wallsend Rovers.

The Ellis Cup was won by Minmi Rangers defeating Burwood United 3x1 at the Newcastle Cricket Ground.

Minmi Rangers	3 v Burwood United	1
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J. Winning	Wilson
J. McCroarie	D. Smart
J. Wilson	Dunn
W. Kirkwood	Hunter
J. Lavery	Nesbitt
C. Kilpatrick	Lonery
J. Curran	Atkinson
W. McCroarie	Horton
S. Mitchell	Rice
H. Spiers	Dunn
Gillies	Cunningham

Referee..

Ellis Cup Semi Finals

Burwood United	3 v Greta Bluebells	1
Minmi (Bye)		

Final 1/9/1888. Minmi Rangers 3 v Burwood United 1
At Newcastle Cricket Ground

The Newcastle Evening Call reports that Burwood United of the 4/4/1888 reports that Burwood United had recently formed themselves into a Football club.

Wednesday 3/5/1888 Newcastle Evening Call reports that Hamilton Athletic players for the season were.
P. Davidson, R. Jackson, D. Smart, A. Jackson, M. Lambie, D. Musgrove, J. Stevenson, G. Kilpatrick, R. Vardy, D. Currie, J. Edgton, D. Liddle, J. Orr.

Wallsend Rovers Players were
G. Griffith, J. Deguid, G. Martin, W. R. Solly, A. Moore, A. Renfrew, J. Holland, J. Carter, A. Drummond, Aitchison, J. Conn, G. Dequid, Sutton, McPherson, C. Keller, Thomas, G. Bower

1885 Badge Series	Burwood United	Greta Bluebellis	Hamilton Athletic	Minmi Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	Points
Burwood United	X	1-0, 1-1	2-2, 2-1	1-3, 1-2	2-1, 3-1	10
Greta Bluebellis	0-1, 1-1	X	1-3, 1-4	3-3, 0-4	0-1, 2-1	4
Hamilton Athletic	2-2, 1-2	3-1, 4-1	X	0-2, 0-1	2-2, 3-2	8
Minmi Rangers	3-1, 2-1	4-0, 3-3	2-0, 1-0	X	2-0, 3-2	15
Wallsend Rovers	1-2, 1-3	1-0, 2-1	2-2, 1-3	0-2, 2-3	X	5

THE BOOK OF FOOTBALL

Three teams entered the Gardiner Cup(Knock-out) all being eliminated in the first round.Caledonians beat Hamilton Athletic 3x0 and Parkgrove beat Burwood United 5x0 while Joadja Creek(Southern Highlands) beat Minmi Rangers 2x1.

When Minmi returned from their Southern Highlands trip they described a nerve wracking experience of having been lowered into the Joadji Valley by means of a Flying Fox; the driver increasing speed greatly to unsettle the players. Mr Winning said jokingly,"By jove,the driver did unsettle the team. We decended like birds and we didn't think we would ever see Minmi again.

Minmi forward Joe Spiers said,"The driver had a £2 pound bet on the locals and he certainly played his part in their great win."

Despite all this,Joadji had a strong team of ironworkers and won its way into the final to play a 2x2 draw with Pymont Rangers.They lost the replay 1x0 after making two long trips to Sydney.The Sydney Morning Herald said "They were worthy losers,as the players tired badly in the second half".

The strong Caledonians came north for a brace of "Friendly" games. They lost to Minmi Rangers 6x1 and to Hamilton Athletic 3x2. "Scones"McCroarie netted a brilliant hattrick in the first game,while Jockey Stevenson scored three times in 11 minutes.

Such results indicated that the club strenght in Newcastle was now on par with the Sydney set up.

The formation of Minmi Swifts was to create a second grade to allow the Swifts to play "friendly" Two Minmi Rangers players gained selection in the NSW team to meet Victoria in Sydney.

They were Charlie Kilpatrick,and Bill McCroarie.

STRENGTH

1889 Season.

President. J.W. Ritchie

Secretary. W. Bartley & F. Gerrard

Treasurer. J. Bromley

The Annual report showed that Carrington Blackwatch had a new ground. At this stage a regular second grade competition was started to encourage more local youths to take up the code.

The Badge series results were as follows.

1889 Badge Series	Burwood United	Carrington B'watch	Greta Bluebells	Hamilton Athletic	Minmi Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	Points
Burwood United	X	1-0, 2-2	2-0, 2-2	1-2, 1-1	1-3, 0-4	1-4, 2-0	9
Carrington B'watch	0-1, 2-2	X	3-3, 1-4	0-5, 0-10	1-5, 2-6	1-3, 1-1	3
Greta Bluebells	0-2, 2-2	3-3, 4-1	X	2-3, 1-2	0-1, 0-2	1-2, 1-1	5
Hamilton Athletic	2-1, 1-1	5-0, 10-0	3-2, 2-1	X	2-4, 3-3	2-2, 1-1	14
Minmi Rangers	3-1, 4-0	5-1, 6-2	2-0, 1-0	4-2, 3-3	X	2-0, 1-2	17
Wallsend Rovers	4-1, 0-2	3-1, 1-1	2-1, 1-1	2-2, 1-1	2-1, 0-2	X	12

Ellis Cup series

Round. 1. Minmi Rangers 2 v Greta Bluebells 1
Wallsend Rovers 3 v Carrington Blackwatch 1
Hamilton Athletic 3 v Burwood United 2

Semi Finals

Minmi Rangers 5 v Hamilton Athletic 1
Wallsend Rovers (Bye)

Final of Ellis Cup.

Wallsend 3 v Minmi Rangers 2

Dave Gilchrist

W. Miller

J. Gilchrist

A. Charlesworth

W. McIlroy

S. Miller

W. Stein

Arthur Mansfield

J. Miller

W. Batty

J. Barker

From the district angle, two new players from overseas in John Finlayson and John Ridgley won praise for their skill.

FORMATION OF Adamstown Rosebud 12th July 1889.

A casual complimentary compliment by an enthusiastic football cleric was the seed which started the birth and growth of the Adamstown Rosebud Football Club. Adamstown's inaugural Secretary, Peter Finlayson, later told of the importance of this incidence: "I had played a good game for Hamilton Athletic against Burwood United at Burwood Park (now called Mitchell Park). In fact, I had scored the winning goal.

The unexpected success of the Hamilton Athletic caused more than ordinary excitement as the game ended. As I walked towards the primitive iron dressing sheds, I ran into the Rev. John Penman, who remarked, 'Great goal, Peter. Good win!'. Thanks John, I replied and proceeded on my way, but the Rev. Penman spoke again. "Let's form a club at Adamstown for next season, Peter, I have quite a few lads who need some healthy winter pastime and I'm sure they will make good footballers.

I'll give you half a sovereign to start it off,' were his final words. To be truthful, I had forgotten all about the suggestion till on the following Wednesday afternoon, when walking down Glebe Road with the two Waugh brothers and my two brothers, I saw several school children booting a self made football about on a vacant allotment. I then mentioned the suggestion to them. We all agreed that it was a good idea as there were at least seven senior players from established clubs living in the Adamstown area. But we dilly-dallied and when the 1889 season came, all recognised players had joined established clubs where work was available.

There was a recession in the coal trade and all mines were only working 4 or 5 shifts per fortnight. Perhaps this bread and butter issue prompted us to go with caution," CONCLUDED Peter.

But the Rev Penman was a persistent person when planning sporting activities for local youths.

He had established cricket and athletic clubs in four towns which fell under his control. The Rev Penman again approached Peter Finlayson and explained that he had a ready made champion goalkeeper in young Francis who had been offered a place in the Charlestown National Code.

So Peter Finlayson went home and made two large cardboard posters which read.

FORMATION of a football club in Adamstown
British Association Rules
Will be held in the cricket shed, Adamstown Park
Monday, 12th July 1889.

Posters were placed in the bar of the Royal Standard Hotel and in the front window of Davis Newsagency in the main street of Adamstown.

The same day, Peter Finlayson approached the local mayor Ald Thomas Frith, who was so enthusiastic, that he promised to chair the meeting and gave Peter three Shillings to insert an advertisement in Monday's Newcastle Herald.

The meeting proved to be a great success and the formation of Adamstown Rosebud Football Club was a success.

President Ald Thomas Frith Mayor of Adamstown

Vice President. Ald Alf Edden

Treasurer. George Greig

Secretary. Peter Finlayson

Committee. W. Waugh, J. Waugh, John Finlayson, A. Finlayson
J. Bone, P. Inglis, T. Carr, J. Embleton, W. Bird.

Colours. It was agreed that the clubs colours would be White shirt with 3 inch navy blue sash wide, from the right shoulder to the left waist, with dark trousers of Knee length.

It was then thrown open for discussion what the name of the club would be.

Following are names suggested for this new club. Adamstown Athletic, Central Wanderers, Rangers, Albion, Pioneers, Rosebud, West End, Advance, Thistles, Pirates.

An Englishman Peter Eastman, argued for the name of Adamstown Rosebud, he criticized many names as being too commonplace, we need something original. He pointed out that his name was attractive and was used by his cricket team, "Lambton Rosebud". Which was linked with a friendly Society called Lambton Rosebud Lodge. There was also in Adamstown, a very strong Juvenile Lodge called Adamstown Youthful Rosebud. Thirdly, the winners of last seasons 2nd junior cricket competition was Islington Rosebud.

In checking the newspapers files, the most popular brand of butter was called "Rosebud Butter", packed by the local wholesale grocery firm J. Ireland & Co. of Newcastle. When the vote for the name of the club was taken, Rosebud had gained 70% of the vote, Rangers 15%, Pioneers 9% and Advance 6%.

So we see Adamstown Rosebud Football Club which has now been a power in Northern Football since 1889.

Adamstown Rosebud first team comprised the following. B. Francis, W. Waugh, J. Waugh, John Finlayson, A. Finlayson, Peter Finlayson, J. Miller, T. Miller, J. Embleton, T. Carr, Billy Bird, P. Inglis, G. Neilly, S. Miller, J. Bone, W. McLearnie, J. Filby, and Lynch.

Ald Tom Frith was a local councillor and a very powerful force in local Politics.

Sole rights to Adamstown ground were granted.



BURWOOD UNITED (FORMERLY BLACK WATER)

Ellis Cup (Soccer) winners of 1890

Back row: S. Genge (Secretary), A. Dunn, A. Bailey, A. Bower, W. F. Stewart (President).
 Second row: J. Coutts, G. Hunter, R. Wilson, H. Brien, T. Marshall (Delegate).
 Front row: J. Burns, J. Dunn, J. Hutton, D. Currie, J. Kidd.



THE ORIGINAL BUSH RATS SOCCER TEAM, 1890

Overland

1600 Season

President. James Fletcher

Secretary. Jack Harrison

Treasurer. R. Talbot

This season opened with seven teams in the senior Badge competition.

The stage appeared set for a bumper season, but a major depression developed in the coal industry. The Miners had come out on strike in protest against the Coal Owner's reducing wages. The standard of play suffered and many players could not afford to travel to matches.

The results and points table are as follows.

1890 Badge Series	Adamstown Rosebud	Burwood United	Carrington B'watch	Greta Bluebells	Hamilton Athletic	Minmi Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	1-5	0-1	3-3	1-2, 1-0	0-2	1-2	3
Burwood United	5-1	X	3-0, 5-3	2-1	2-4	1-0	4-0	12
Carrington B'watch	1-0	0-3, 0-5	X	1-6	2-2	0-1	2-2	4
Greta Bluebells	3-3	1-2	6-1	X	3-1	2-2, 1-1	3-3	8
Hamilton Athletic	2-1, 0-1	4-3	2-2	1-3	X	1-0	0-2	7
Minmi Rangers	2-0	0-1	1-0	2-2, 1-1	0-1	X	3-1	8
Wallsend Rovers	2-1	0-4	2-2	3-3	2-0	1-3	X	6

Ellis Cup Matches

Round.1.

Carrington Blackwatch 3 v Wallsend Rovers 3

Replay

Carrington Blackwatch 1 v Wallsend Rovers 3

Burwood United 1 v Minmi Rangers 1

Replay

Burwood United 1 v Minmi Rangers 7

Greta Bluebells 6 v Hamilton Athletic 0

Adamstown (Bye)

Semi Final Minmi Rangers 2 v Greta Bluebells 0

Wallsend Rovers 2 v Adamstown 0

Final. Minmi Rangers 2 v Wallsend Rovers 1

To help bolster the finances of the NDBFA, it was decided to run Semi Finals and Final this year.

1890

Final

Minmi Rangers	2 v Burwood United	1
J. Winning	T. Marshall	
J. McCroarie	Bower	
Waugh	D. Smart	
Hewston	Dunn	
Kirkwood	Lambie	
Boyd	H. Brien	
J. Curran	Davis	
Mitchell	Campbell	
Caddis	Galloway	
Cummock	Dunn	
Laverty	McMillimeny	

Queensland Visit Newcastle

Late in the season, The NSW Association granted permission for the Queensland team to break its journey home for a mid-week match at Newcastle.

The Queenslanders, playing before a crowd of 600 people, gave a very polished exhibition to win 4x0.

However, the absence of star Minmi players from the Newcastle team weakened the team considerably.

(Work was very scarce in Newcastle at this time of the year and any request to the boss for time off was frowned upon) The Newcastle team consisted of.

Newcastle	0 v Queensland	4
Dave Gilchrist		
Albert Creighton		
S. Miller		
J. Mitchell		
W. Haddow		
E. Creighton		
Dave Smart		
J. Gilchrist		
J. Melville		
W. Lambie		
W. McIlroy		
McMinimony		

On 16/8/1890 a NSW XI met Queensland team The result
New South Wales 1 v Queensland 3

J. Logan (Caledonians)	J. C. Bennett
D. Reid (Parkgrove)	H. Blake
T. Barringham (Pymont Rangers)	S. Shelly
A. R. Pringle (Parkgrove)	J. Brown
W. Kidd (Parkgrove)	J. McCosh
J. Greig (Caledonians)	G. Shelly (1)
T. McCreadie (Parkgrove)	W. Collie
J. Connelly (Pymont Rangers)	A. Brown (1)
A. Miller (Balgownie Rovers)	W. Dreghorn
J. Thompson (Parkgrove)	D. Menzies (1)
A. Ferguson (1) Pymont Rangers	A. Manson
Reserve	
J. Milton	

Referee John Wallace.

In the return match against Queensland at the Ashfield Recreation Ground on 23/8/1890.

Queensland were again victorious .The teams are

New South Wales	O v Queensland	1
J.Campbell(Balgownie Rovers)	J.C.Bennett	
J.Picken(Granville)	S.Shelly	
W.Baillie(Granville)	H.Blake	
J.Cambridge(Pymont Rangers)	J.Brown	
A.Harley(Pymont Rangers)	J.McCosh	
G.Rowe(Lithgow)	W.Dregghorn	
A.Phillips(Caledonians)	A.Brown	
A.Hogg(Pymont Rangers)	D.Menzies	
Videl(Granville)	A.Manson	
Kerr(Granville)	W.Collie	
Thom(Caledonians)	G.Shelly	

Referee John Thompson.

In the Southern First Division this year there were 4 senior teams

they were

Caledonians, Granville, Parkgrove, Pymont Rangers.

Here again in Newcastle Burwood United first and Reserve teams were

Marshall, Smart, A.Dunn, J.Dunn, Lambie, Nesbitt, Hunter, Miller, Cunningham, D.Liddle, Granar, McLeary, J.Rice, H.Davies, Hatton, Robinson, Bower, Woolston, H.Brien, Bailey, Furness, Galloway, Davis, Campbell, W.Dunn, Prior.

17/4/1890

Carrington Blackwatch held a preliminary meeting of the above club at Mr.T.Smith Carrington Club Hotel on Tuesday Evening last.

Some 20 members being present the election of officers took place with Mr.J.Phillips in the chair.

President.Alex Mathieson
Vice President.Thomas Smith
Vice President D.Scott
Captain William Jackson
Vice Captain James Jackson
Treasurer J.Phillips
Secretary.J.Bromley.

The Evolution of the Penalty

One of the most momentous decisions ever made by the Football Association Council was the introduction of the Penalty Kick Law in 1891. Its overall effect on football is incalculable but it has certainly given rise to numerous unusual incidents, affected many a result and added an extra spark of excitement to the game. Previously no-one had discovered a satisfactory solution to the problem of how to penalise players who prevented a goal by unlawful means. Although one experimental rule had been introduced however, in 1881, by which the referee (still the official to whom the umpires referred to in case of disagreement) was empowered to award a goal against a player who handled the ball to prevent it from crossing the line, but after several cases of disputes had been reported the rule was rescinded in 1882 and no further attempt to alter the laws was made again until 1891.

By this date, "stop at nothing" tactics had spread and foul tackles were the accepted practice among the players to prevent a score because they knew full well that the resultant free kick could be nullified by packing the goalmouth. So, when the Irish Football Association suggested the penalty kick, it was readily accepted by the local Association. At first, it had only a slight resemblance to the spot-kick of today and was still regarded as an extraordinary rule; even when referees were given complete control on the field from 1894 - it therefore being no longer necessary for players to appeal to them for decision - this did not apply to the penalty kick, at least for certain offences. In fact, spot kicks did not take place until 1902 when present day markings were introduced; up to this point in time the penalty and the goal areas were completely different. Before 1891, the only mark on the field of play had been in the centre but the penalty kick gave rise to a number of markings where none had previously existed; viz. a line 12 yards from, and parallel to, the goal line by a player standing alone; a line six yards from the goal, limiting the distance to which a goalkeeper could advance; a mark 18 yards from the goal, behind which all other players were required to stand; this was only in theory, for a few grounds possessed these markings during the first season when the law was in practice. Thus when the Wolves centre forward, Heath, shot the first penalty against Accrington (England) on September 14th, 1891, it was taken from an approximate position only. In fact, in 1886, field markings were made compulsory; the goalkeeper's limit of advance being shown by a semi-circle of six yards from each goal post and the penalty line extending the whole width of the field. At this date, no 18 yard mark was deemed necessary but as players often encroached on the kicker, it was necessary to make it compulsory in 1901, when the field looked like the diagram shown

The experience of a few seasons enabled the Football Association to see that the awarding of a penalty for an offence near the touch line was not justified and that the shape of the goal area in practice limited the goalkeeper's advance to five yards instead of six in the centre. As a result, present-day markings were introduced. After this change, the goalkeeper was compelled to stand on his line but he could still jump about in an effort to distract the kicker; this was not forbidden until 1929. The final addition to the law governing the markings on the field was made in 1937 when the penalty "arc" was introduced. This gave the kicker an unimpeded run at the ball.

A few loopholes in these laws were from time to time discovered by ingenious players; in the first season a Scottish forward scored a penalty by dribbling into the goal, while in another match delaying tactics caused the 90 minutes to elapse before a penalty could be taken. The Football Association altered the law to provide for such contingencies but one goalkeeper tried a new strategy after the First World War: he was Thomas Farquharson of Cardiff and Ireland who gained a Cup Winners' medal with the Welsh club in 1927. He stood behind the goal-line when called upon to face a Chelsea penalty and saved the kick. Soon afterwards, a new rule compelling goalkeepers to stand on the line, was introduced.

(This article was written by Roger MacDonald for the Football Association News in 1963 and we thank them for this very interesting story on the "penalty kick".)



FOOTBALL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE THE CUP FINAL OF 19...

200 yards; minimum length, 100 yards; maximum breadth, 100 yards; minimum breadth, 60 yards. The length and breadth shall be marked off with flags; and the goals shall be upright posts, 3 yards apart, with a tape or bar across them, 8 feet from the ground.

"2. The winners of the toss shall have the option of kick-off or choice of goals. The game shall be commenced by a place-kick from the centre of the ground; the other side shall not approach within ten yards of the ball until it is kicked off, nor shall any player on either side pass the centre of the ground in the direction of his opponents' goal until the ball is kicked off.

"3. Ends shall only be changed at half-time. After a goal is won, the losing side shall kick-off; but after the change of ends at half-time, the ball shall be kicked off by the opposite side from that which originally did so; and always as provided in law 2.

"4. A goal shall be won when the ball passes between the goal-posts under the tape or bar, not being thrown, knocked on, nor carried. The ball hitting the goal, or boundary posts, or goal bar, or tape, and rebounding into play, is considered in play.

"5. When the ball is in touch a player of the opposite side to that which has kicked it out, shall throw it from the point on the boundary-line where it left the ground in a direction at right angles with the boundary-line, at least six yards, and it shall not be in play until it has touched the ground, and the player throwing it shall not play it until it has been played by another player.

"6. When a player kicks the ball, any one of the same side who at such a moment of kicking is nearer to the opponents' goal-line, is out of play, and may not touch the ball himself, nor in any way whatever prevent any other player from doing so until the ball has been played, unless there are at least three of his opponents nearer their own goal-line; but no player is out of play when the ball is kicked from the goal-line.

"7. When the ball is kicked behind the goal line by one of the opposite side, it shall be kicked off by any one of the players behind whose goal-line it went, within six yards of the nearest goal-post; but if kicked behind by any one of the side whose goal-line it is, a player of the opposite side shall kick it from within one yard of the nearest corner flag-post. In either case no other player shall be allowed within six yards of the ball until it is kicked off.

"8. No player shall carry or knock on the ball, and handling the ball under any pretence whatever shall be prohibited, except in the case of the goal-keeper, who shall be allowed to use his hands in defence of his goal, either by knocking on or throwing, but shall not carry the ball. The goal-keeper may be changed during the game, but not more than one player shall act as goal-keeper at the same time, and no second player shall step in and act during any period in which the regular goal-keeper may have vacated his position.

"9. Neither tripping nor hacking shall be allowed, and no player shall use his hands to hold or push his adversary, nor charge him from behind.

"10. No player shall wear any nails, excepting such as have their heads driven in flush with the leather, iron plates, or gutta-percha, on the soles or heels of his boots.

"11. In the event of any infringement of rules 6, 8, or 9, a free kick shall be forfeited to the opposite side from the spot where the infringement took place.

"12. In no case shall a goal be scored from any free kick, nor shall the ball be again played by the kicker until it has been played by another player. The kick-off and corner-flag kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this rule.

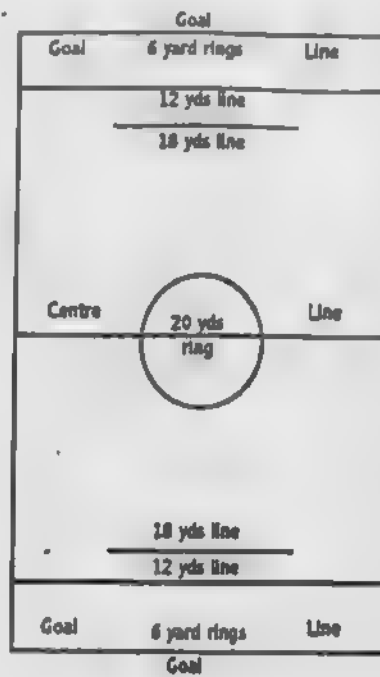
"13. That in the event of any supposed infringement of rules 6, 8, 9, or 10, the ball shall be played until the decision of

the umpire, on his being appealed to shall have been given

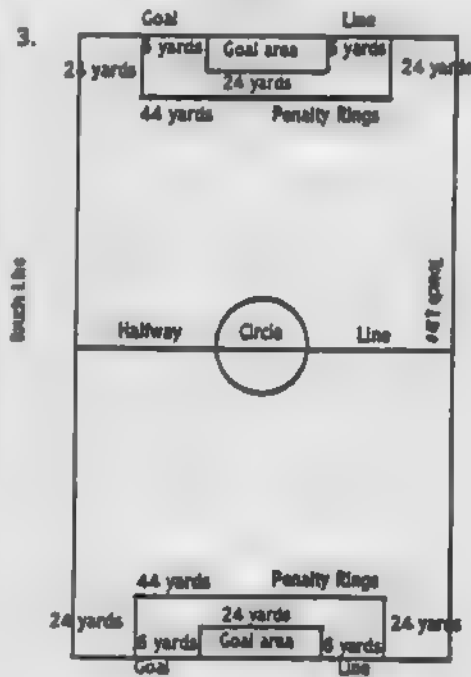
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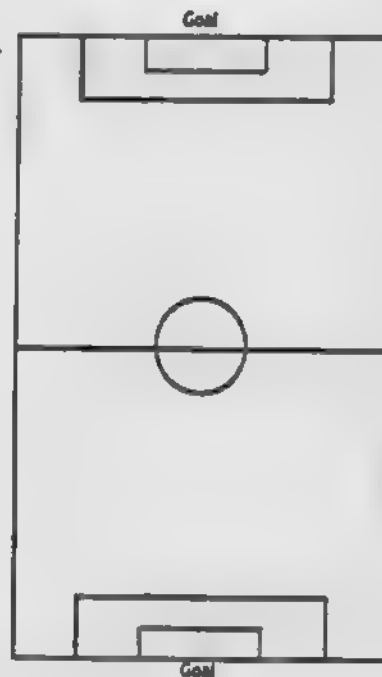
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Field Markings

1. 100 x 200 yards
2. Note goal area before introduction of penalty
3. Note changed markings after introduction of penalty
4. Note "arc" outside 18 yard box, to make players 10 yards from the ball; introduced in 1937.

FORMATION OF WEST WALLSEND ATHLETIC (BLUEBELLS)

A new club was formed at West Wallsend in May 1891. It's colours would be pale blue shirt, with white knee length trousers.

However, Westy would later change its name to West Wallsend Bluebells and would use royal blue shirts. Under its new name it would bring much fame, not only to West Wallsend but to Newcastle itself.

West Wallsend went on to become another of the great football clubs in the colony. To give you some idea of just how great West Wallsend was and would become over the years, I list the players who went on to play for Australia.

Jack Coutts, Dave Brown, Les Brown, Clarrie Coutts, Frank Coolahan, Billy Coolahan, Jack Foster, Frank Hays, Keith "General" Grant, Charlie James, Henry Maunder, William "Podge" Maunder, Di McLaughlin, Billy Smith, Harold "Lal" Whitelaw, Kevin "Midget" Lake, Jack "Bully" Hughes, Ron "Coogan" Hughes. In my opinion, West Wallsend was the greatest club ever in Australia, you will read of further epics of the Bluebells later down the years.

For the record, West Wallsend's first ever match was against Adamstown Rosebud with the result being a 2x2 draw.

The West Wallsend team consisted of

West Wallsend	2 v Adamstown Rosebud	2
J. Wall	J. Neilly	
J. Swan	W. Waugh	
J. Graham	G. Nichols	
J. Robertson	T. Embleton	
T. Wilkinson	P. Jack	
R. Harden	P. Finlayson	
H. Spiers	D. Jennings	
J. Hughes(1)	A. Filby(1)	
A. Gracie	D. Dunbar	
R. Clark(1)	J. Waugh(1)	
R. Moffit	J. Bartley	

***Would you please note that it was during this season that Umpires and their line umpires became known as "Referees" and Linesman". This change of name followed the receipt of information from the Football Association in London.

1891

Saw a further decline in the Coal trade which had a marked effort on football in and around Newcastle. The closure of two mines in the Hamilton area caused Hamilton Athletic club to disband forever. Many of its players transferred to Carrington and Adamstown.

For the first time in its history Carrington won its way into the Ellis Cup Final, While the trade recession at Greta caused the famous Greta Bluebells to disappear from the senior ranks.

The NDBFA Officials for the season were
President.T.C.Frith
Vice President T.Graig
Secretary J.Bromley

The badge series was limited to five matches, and six senior clubs entered.

The final points table read

Minmi Rangers	8
Burwood United	7
Adamstown	5
Carrington Blackwatch	5
Wallsend	3
West Wallsend Athletic	2

The Ellis Cup, the knock out series, proved to be the saving grace of the code.

Carrington Blackwatch exceeded all expectations to eliminate Adamstown to go straight into the final while, after preliminary matches, Burwoods John Dunne's sole goal gave his team the semi final over Minmi.

The Final, between Burwood United and Carrington Blackwatch gave the public something new,

The press made special reference to Burwoods attractive new uniforms, it being dark blue shirts with bright Red sash, and white shorts. Carrington appeared in its traditional red & black.

The line up of the two teams were.

Burwood United 3
J.Bailey
A.Dunne
A.Bower
G.Hunter
R.Wilson
H.Brien
J.Burns
J.Dunne(1)
D.Currie(1)
J.Kidd(1)
J.Hutton

Carrington Blackwatch 0
W.Jackson
J.McQueen
Capper
A.Jackson
Robson
Smith
Musgrave
Bromley
Todd
J.Taylor
G.Taylor

Burwood's win revealed one vital fact- the club's policy of promoting outstanding juniors was paying off.

H.Brien was only 18 years of age when he won his first cup medal, and was probably the fastest player in both tackle and recovery.

Burns was a progressive flankman with good ball control, another success was Jimmy Hutton, a young scotchman, only recently arrived from overseas, Hunter won a special medal for the most consistent player.

The local newspaper wrote of the team: "altogether" it was a well balanced eleven, with skills in all departments, plus an agile, active and vigilant goalkeeper.

1891 N.D.B.F.A 1st Div.	Adamstown	Burwood Utd	Carrington B.W	Minmi Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	West Wallsend	Points
ADAMSTOWN	X	1.0	2.3	1.3	1.1	3.2	5
BURWOOD UTD	0.1	X	3.1	3.3	3.0	4.2	7
CARRINGTON BLACKWATCH	3.2	1.3	X	1.1	1.0	0.1	5
MINMI RANGERS	3.1	3.3	1.1	X	1.0	2.1	8
WALLSEND ROVERS	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	X	1.0	3
WEST WALLSEND ATHLETIC	2.3	2.4	1.0	1.2	0.1	X	2

1891 Ellis Cup.

Round.1. Carrington Blackwatch 4 v Adamstown 3
 Burwood United 4 v West Wallsend 1
 Minmi Rangers 2 v Wallsend 1

Semi Final

Burwood United 1 v Minmi Rangers 0
 Carrington Blackwatch (Bye)

Final

Burwood United 3 v Carrington B/W 0

1892 Season.

President. Jack Whitelaw

Secretary. J. McCartney

Treasurer.

Minmi Rangers partial fall from grace in 1891 season had a smarting effect on the internal workings of that club. Also, the continuing coal depression saw Charlie Kilpatrick, W. McCroarie, Jack Winning, and W. Kirkwood leave for Canada. After a stay in Canada, both Kilpatrick and McCroarie returned to their native Scotland. Kirkwood moved on to South Africa, where he was killed in a mine accident. Jack Winning returned to Australia and lived out his life at Kurri Kurri. Many years later while watching a football match at the famous Weston Homestead, he suffered a heart attack and died.

Minmi Rangers soon signed some new players for the coming season. They were Arch Jackson, R. Harden, T. Campbell, J. Stevenson, W. Haddow, and M. Clarke. Minmi introduced "Moonlighting training to the club with telling effects.

The Badge series attracted six entries, each team playing 10 games. Minmi Rangers had a highly successful season, with only one defeat (0x2) at the hands of its nearest neighbour, West Wallsend. The result set old Westy alight with excitement. the end of the series the points table read.

1892 Badge Series	Adamstown Rosebud	Burwood United	Minmi Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	West Wallsend Athletic	Young Wallsend	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	2-2, 1-3	1-3, 0-3	3-1, 2-0	3-1, 2-2	2-1, 3-1	12
Burwood United	2-2, 3-1	X	0-2, 1-3	1-2, 1-1	5-1, 3-1	3-1, 4-1	12
Minmi Rangers	3-1, 3-1	2-0, 3-1	X	3-1, 7-0	6-0, 0-2	3-1, 5-0	18
Wallsend Rovers	1-3, 0-2	2-1, 1-1	1-3, 0-7	X	1-3, 1-4	2-1, 0-2	5
West Wallsend Athletic	1-3, 2-2	1-5, 1-3	0-6, 2-0	3-1, 4-1	X	4-1, 1-0	11
Young Wallsend	1-2, 1-3	1-3, 1-4	1-3, 0-5	1-2, 2-0	1-4, 0-1	X	2

Minmi Rangers won the Ellis Cup with the fine record of played 14, won 13, lost 1, scored 57 goals, with only six against for a total of 26 points.

However, the zenith of their success was winning the famous Gardiner Challenge Cup, the symbol of the State Championship. Their Club Secretary, Mr McCartney was a super planner and it was his organising power which lifted the combination into a progressive, "go ahead" eleven; backed by a tremendous local patronage. Minmi were the only northern club to nominate for the Gardiner Cup and they went to Hartley Vale for their first round match, winning 5x0. In the semi final they went to Sydney and knocked out one of the favourites, Balmain, 3x1.

1892 season

Backed by the local business community, McCartney took his team to Sydney and rested on the Friday night before the Cup final which was against Pyrmont Rangers, who were appearing in their fourth consecutive final. A crowd of over 5000 surrounded the Burwood (Sydney) pitch. It was the first occasion that nets had been used and it was just as well too, for they settled many a potential argument. The first 20 minutes were hectic but with no score. In the 21st minute, Campbell put Minmi in front. Then Clarke, playing on the right wing, put Minmi further ahead. After half-time, Clarke again increased Minmi Rangers lead.

Even in those days, police were called to the ground, where they described the scene as "unbelievable, emotional enthusiasm shown by the miners from Newcastle, on their win in the Cup".

Minmi Won The Cup 3x0.

MINMI GREETES THE HEXHAM EXPRESS AT RAILWAY STATION

However, just as enthusiastic a reception greeted the players and officials at the Minmi Railway Station when the Hexham Express arrived on the Sunday night. Church services were shortened to allow the whole population to welcome returning players.

It was indeed a night of rejoicing for the isolated Minmi; a day never again repeated.

If most of this crowd came from the Northumberland Hotel, Minmi, on this August day in 1892, then the publican, Mr George Wile would have had a busy time.

For not only did a Government Minister visit the town, but the same flags and celebrations continued in September when Minmi Rangers won the famous Gardiner Challenge Cup. Church services were shortened to celebrate.

The Rangers players were.

M. Burrell, Arch Jackson, J. McCroarie, J. McCartney, H. Stewart, R. Harden, R. Clarke, A. Cummock, J. Mitchell, S. Campbell, W. Haddow.

Pyrmont Rangers sent a congratulatory letter, which read at the presentation night conducted under President Jack Whitelaw guidance.

The Newcastle Morning Herald, in its 22nd September issue reported;

Minmi Rangers are now regarded as the Champions of the Colony. No matter where they go and what teams they meet, they invariably come off victorious; certainly it is safe to say they win 80% of their matches. They have won the famous

Gardiner Cup by beating Hartley Vale, Balmain and now Pyrmont Rangers; all on away grounds

Their success is due to skilful play, unquestionable sportsmanship and loyalty to the shirt they wear.

Congratulations to Minmi Rangers—the pride of the North".

Minmi Rangers team was

M. Burrell, A. Jackson, J. McCroarie, J. McCartney, H. Stewart, R. Harden, R. Clarke, A. Cummock, J. Mitchell, S. Campbell, W. Haddow.

Player Register for 1892

Burwood United

Bailey, W. Galloway, Currie, Jimmy Hutton, Bower, H. Brien, Burns
C. Frewin, Wilson, J. Dunne, W. Frewin, C. Dunne, Hunter, F. Lush
J. Kidd

Minmi Rangers

W. Pelling, J. Murdock, J. McCroarie, T. Campbell, M. Burrell,
J. Kirk, A. Jackson, R. Harden, A. Stewart, W. Haddow, W. McBlane,
J. Stevenson, A. Cummock, G. Miller, J. Wilkinson, J. Mitchell,
J. McCartney, H. Stewart, R. Clarke, S. Campbell.

Young Wallsend

J. McDougall, J. Hodges, Joe Harrison, W. McDougall, H. Vardy, J. Geddes
R. Martin, R. Hilton, J. Stanfield, A. Smith, W. Jones

West Wallsend Athletic

J. Walls, J. Swan, J. Graham, J. Robertson, T. Wilkinson, R. Harden,
H. Spiers, J. Hughes, A. Gracie, R. Clarke, R. Moffitt

Adamstown Rosebud

J. Neilly, W. Waugh, G. Nichols, T. Embleton, P. Jack, A. Filby,
P. Finlayson, D. Jennings, D. Dunbar, J. Waugh, N. Bartley

Wallsend Rovers (Team not available)

A new club was registered in March 1892, with the name of Young Wallsend.



Back Row: J McDougall, J Hodges, J Harrison, W McDougall, H Vardy,
J Geddes
Front Row: R Martin, R Hilton, J Stanfield, A Smith, W Jones
Manager in top hat unknown.

1893 Season

President. Jack Whitelaw

Secretary. J. McCartney

Treasurer. H. Brien

FIRST PENALTY KICK AWARDED IN NORTH

Pre-season discussion centred around the decision to adopt the new penalty rule used for the first time in England and Scotland in 1892. Records show that the first penalty kick in the north was awarded by referee, Thomas Marshall, in the Wallsend v Adamstown game at Wallsend, where the locals won 6x5. As soon as the decision was given, the large crowd invaded the ground. Referee Tom Marshall, however was adamant the penalty decision stood. "Korkie" Miller went into the history books by scoring the first penalty kick awarded in the north.

Both clubs later congratulated the referee on the manner in which he controlled the game without fear or favour.

BIG FLOODS HIT THE HUNTER.

Before the season opened, devastating floods hit the Hunter River Basin and there was an appeal for funds, Minmi Rangers donated £5 Pounds, the first donation from a sporting organisation. Interest centred on Minmi Rangers quest to retain the Gardiner Challenge Cup.

Once again they were the only northern entrant and in the first round they defeated Balmain 3x1 at Minmi.

However, in the semi final in Sydney, the Minmi Rangers knocked out the strong Helensburg team 2x1. All was set for the final at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 26th August, against old rivals Pyrmont Rangers.

Years later, Jimmy Curran, in describing the 1x0 defeat said "... we had 35 minutes to pull the game out of the fire. We belted everything at their Goalkeeper, John Hickey, but he played like a lunatic. He stopped at least 15 shots to keep us out.

I cracked a ball against the cross-bar but when I collected the rebound I was quite rightly blown offside. We had no luck but you must give full credit to the Pyrmont boys; they were just too good."

The Minmi goalie, Burrell said "... we really missed Jackson. He had a perfect covering system; always giving the goalkeeper great protection from the 'rough-house' method who had joined Wallsend, 'without boasting, my two fists often came into action when clearing high balls, or even opponents, who tried to bundle me into the nets'. McCartney, too, did not play in this vital final but good luck to the Pyrmont boys."

For the Badge series, there were seven entries with Minmi Rangers winning the double; the Badge and the Ellis Cup.

In the Ellis Cup Final

Minmi Rangers 4 defeated Adamstown Rosebud 1

HELENSBURGH

1893 Badge Series	Adamstown Rosebud	Burwood United	Carrington B'watch	Greta Bluebells	Minmi Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	West Wallsend Athletic	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	0-1, 0-3	6-0, 0-1	2-0, 0-1	1-3, 0-4	0-2, 5-6	1-2, 0-1	4
Burwood United	3-0, 1-0	X	2-0, 2-1	4-0, 3-0	0-3, 0-2	1-2, 3-1	2-0, 3-0	18
Carrington B'watch	0-6, 1-0	0-2, 1-2	X	2-2, 0-1	0-5, 1-4	0-3, 0-4	1-4, 1-3	3
Greta Bluebells	0-2, 1-0	0-4, 0-3	2-2, 1-0	X	1-6, 0-4	1-2, 1-5	0-2, 0-4	5
Minmi Rangers	3-1, 4-0	3-0, 2-0	5-0, 4-1	6-1, 4-0	X	2-1, 4-0	3-0, 2-0	24
Wallsend Rovers	2-1, 6-5	2-1, 1-3	3-0, 4-0	2-1, 5-1	1-2, 0-4	X	4-1, 2-0	18
West Wallsend Athletic	2-1, 1-0	0-2, 0-3	4-1, 3-1	2-0, 4-0	0-2, 0-3	1-4, 0-2	X	12

Newcastle 0 v Sydney 1

In September, the annual representative match against Sydney was played at Wallsend.

M. Burrell (Minmi Rangers)

S. Jackson (capt) Wallsend)

J. Dunn (Burwood United)

M. Brien (Hamilton Athletic)

M. Harden (Minmi Rangers)

Hunter (Burwood United)

R. Clarke (Minmi Rangers)

J. Mitchell (Minmi Rangers)

H. Pillans (Minmi Rangers)

W. Waugh (Adamstown)

J. Jackson (Hamilton Athletic)

J. Logan (Balmain)

G. Hobson (Balmain)

Gannon (Granville)

Banner (Parkgrove)

J. Gibson (Parkgrove)

Train (Parkgrove)

H. Muir (1) (Thistles)

Cameron (Sydney Thistles)

T. Hardie (Pymont Rangers)

J. Ferguson (Pymont Rangers)

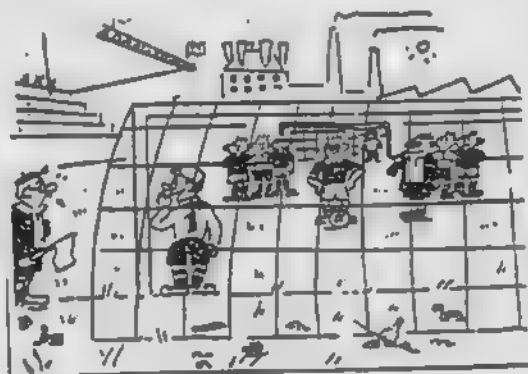
J. McIntosh (Pymont Rangers)

Referee

In the South Coast Final
Helensburgh

4 v Corrimal

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"He always kicks in this corner"

1894 Season

President. J. McCartney

Secretary. H. Brien

Treasurer. David Ellis Williams

This season would be one of turmoil despite the growth at Merewether and Glebe and Dudley.

On the 10th June, 1894 Merewether Advance was formed and on 2nd July played its first match against Burwood United, which they duly won 5x2. The scorers were Burns(1) Coulson(1) Hughes(1) and S. Williams(2) with Britton being outstanding. Burwood's goals were scored by A. Dunne and J. Dunne.

Dudley Athletic were formed on 21st July, 1894. Their first match was against Adamstown's Reserves which Dudley won 1x0. However, in the return match on 28th July, Adamstown No. 1 team defeated Dudley 6x2.

It was an historical year, too, for the Rosebud Club, whose membership now totalled 62 players; mainly due to the cessation of activities at the Hamilton, Burwood and Greta mines.

Trouble was brewing, though over the dual entry from Minmi Rangers and Minmi Thistles. Minmi Rangers decided to compete in the State Cup (Gardiner) series and the Ellis Cup but not the Badge competition. Therefore, there were only four entries in the Badge - Minmi Thistles, Adamstown Rosebud, Wallsend Rovers, and Young Wallsend. After the completion of six games, Adamstown and Minmi Thistles had finished equal on nine points. In the final, Adamstown defeated Thistles 2x1. The same teams contested the Ellis Cup Final but not without protests and much bitterness. The first clash ended in a 1x1 draw with George for Adamstown and Needs for the Thistles being the scorers.

In the replay, Minmi Thistles defeated Adamstown Rosebud with a Thistle player Cummoock, suffering a broken leg, during the game, Adamstown, however submitted a protest; the point being.

- 1) Adamstown was not allowed a goal scored in the first half.
- 2) The Jackson Brothers played in Hamilton Athletic Colours.
- 3) Minmi Thistles winning goal was scored from an offside position.
- 4) The Referee did not allow for Minmi Thistles wasting time.

While Nos. 1, 3, and 4 points were dismissed, it was decided to replay the final with the total "gate" going towards a fund for the Minmi Thistles player who broke his leg in the first game.

Referee's Myers and Bailey refused to officiate so a third official, Mr. J. Burns, was appointed and accepted. On the question of colours, it was made clear that Hamilton's colours were White Shirt with Blue sash, While Minmi Thistles were blue shirt with white sash. Adamstown gave a further /10 pounds to the Cummoock appeal.

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1894

Sydney

v Newcastle

J. Hickey (Parkgrove)	J. Clayton (Adamstown)
A. Banner (Parkgrove)	J. McCroarie (Capt (Minmi Rangers))
R. Hitchens (Capt) (Pyr. Rangers)	A. Jackson (Wallsend)
J. Dear (Sydney Thistles)	H. Bryant
R. Fox (Pymont Rangers)	J. Jackson (Wallsend)
J. Ferguson (Balmain)	J. Caddis (Minmi Rangers)
H. Muir (Sydney Thistles)	T. Needs (Minmi Rangers)
J. Martin (Pymont Rangers)	J. Curran (Minmi Rangers)
W. Figures (Parkgrove)	G. Miller (Wallsend)
A. Morgan (Pymont Rangers)	J. George (Adamstown)
L. Hardy (Pymont Rangers)	A. Rae (Merewether Advance)
Referee J. Logan	

Old Merewether

(From the records of the late Jonathan Dixon)

*I*N the year 1834, an advertisement appeared in the Government Gazette:—
 "12 August, 1834, Northumberland: Newcastle 300, three hundred acres more or less bounded on the west by a line commencing at the A.A. Coy's southern boundary and running south to the northern corner pin of the 40 acres intended for the Globe and part of the south-eastern boundary of the same; thence by the first line continued south to the sea coast; on the south-east by the sea coast to the Company's southern boundary running west until it meets the line first described. Applied for by A. W. Scott."

This land came into the possession of Mr. Alexander Walter Scott, and later became known as Crown Grant 456 acres. It will be noted that the Gazette stated the area to be 300 acres, more or less.

In the year 1853 an advertisement appeared in the Government Gazette of July 29: "42. Northumberland, 900, nine hundred acres, more or less; near the town of Newcastle; bounded on the east by the land of A. W. Scott, Esq.; on the north by the Australian Agricultural Company's Grant of 2000 acres, about seventy chains on the west by the Government, and on the south by the Ocean and salt water lake. Applied for by James Mitchell." This block was secured by Dr. James Mitchell and later became known as Crown Grant of 950 acres.

At the southern extremity of this block is the well-known Lagoon, called in the advertisement the salt water lake. On the west of this block there was a Government area of about seventy chains in length. This was secured by Dr. Mitchell and became known as Crown Grant of 413 acres 3 rods. To the north of this there was a piece of land, wedged in between it and the southern boundary of what is now the Municipality of Adamstown. This was of 100 acres and was owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Muir. Dr. Mitchell was able to add this to his holding. Lockyer Street runs through this 100 acre block, but before the street was formed it was a bush track known as the Road to Fairfield, a farm holding on the western side of the present Adamstown-Belmont railway. To the south of, and adjoining the 413 acres 3 rods block, there was an area of 287 acres 2 rods held by the Government, and known as block 33b.

The first mentioned area, that of Mr. A. W. Scott, came into the possession of Dr. Mitchell and was added to the areas already held, the whole of the amalgamated area being named the Burwood Estate.

Commencing in the area formerly held by Mrs. Muir, and running southward to join the Government area, 33b, is the land acquired by the Commonwealth Government for a rifle range, the area being a little over 231 acres. During the late World War buildings of all descriptions were erected for the purpose of housing soldiers and recruits. All that is to be seen to-day is part of the concrete foundations.

About the year 1844 a tunnel was opened out for the production of coal in what we know as Happy Valley, being a prolongation of the present Mitchell Street. This was operated by William Donaldson. This tunnel was eventually driven right through the hill.

In the re-match, the scorers were Martin(2) and Bartley(1) for Adamstown while Needs was the sole scorer for Minmi. The result was Adamstown 3 defeated Minmi Thistles 1. At the presentation of the trophy, well over 50 Minmi Thistles supporters grouped together and drowned out the voices of the speakers by chanting "protests". A pioneer of the town, "Scotty" McBlane, criticised the action of the Association in yielding to the demands of Adamstown officials and giving way on such a trivial protest...the colours of the two players. McBlane said later, "I saw the game and this (the colours) DID NOT ALTER OR AFFECT the play in any way;".

Minmi Thistles Secretary's only remark was "Give them a set of putty medals".

1894 Badge Series	Adamstown Rosebud	Minmi Thistles	Wallsend Rovers	Young Wallsend	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	2-1, 0-1	2-1, 3-1	3-2, 2-2	9
Minmi Thistles	1-2, 1-0	X	3-3, 2-1	4-2, 3-1	9
Wallsend Rovers	1-2, 1-3	3-3, 1-2	X	3-3, 2-1	4
Young Wallsend	2-3, 2-2	2-4, 1-3	3-3, 1-2	X	2

Ellis Cup Series

Round.1.	Adamstown Rosebud	4 v Minmi Rangers	2
	Minmi Thistles	3 v Wallsend Rovers	1
Final	Adamstown Rosebud	1 v Minmi Thistles	1
Replay	Minmi Thistles	2 v Adamstown Rosebud	1
Protest	by Adamstown(Upheld)		
Replay	Adamstown	3 v Minmi Thistles	1

1895 Season
 President.R.Galloway
 Secretary.David Ellis Williams
 Treasurer.H.Brien

The two Minmi clubs remained very bitter over the treatment given to Minmi Thistles. Minmi Thistles disbanded and Minmi Rangers absorbed all the available stars. A large meeting in the town decided to nominate Minmi Rangers into the Sydney Badge competition. As soon as this became known, Adamstown Rosebud also submitted a similar entry. This turmoil stirred the executive.

Only four teams entered the seniors. A junior grade was formed and attracted 16 teams. A new club was formed at Broadmeadow in May, and a suitable ground was secured opposite the Premier Hotel.

Final points in the Badge Series were Adamstown Rosebud(10) Wallsend Rovers(8) Minmi Rangers(2) Merewether Advance(2) In the final, Adamstown Rosebud defeated Wallsend Rovers(1x0) in a very thrilling match

Far greater interest, however, was manifested in the Ellis Cup knock-out series.

The first attempt to get a result in the final between Minmi Rangers and Adamstown was a scoreless draw. 14 days later, a second match also failed to find a winner with a 1x1 draw. The second replay proved to be a real thriller with the score at the end of 90 minutes play, 2x2. Referee H.Brien ordered that extra time be played. Minmi Rangers players walked to the sidelines, "but the Adamstown team centred the ball and started to play." This fired the whole atmosphere with intense excitement. The Minmi players dashed back onto the ground and both teams were at it in earnest.

Finally, Waite of Minmi scored the winning goal.

Minmi Rangers Team
 J.McCroarie
 J.Curran
 J.Stevenson
 Shepperd
 Cummock
 Caddis
 Davies
 Needs
 Waite
 Currie
 Hancock

Adamstown Rosebud Team
 J.Waugh
 W.Waugh(Capt)
 Clayton
 Lunch
 Embleton
 Wilson
 Jennings
 Bartley
 Martin
 Galloway
 George

Referee H.Brien

1895 Badge Series	Adamstown Rosebud	Mere'ther Advance	Minmi Rangers	WallSEND Rovers	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	2-0, 3-2	2-1, 2-2	3-2, 2-2	10
Mere'ther Advance	0-3, 2-3	X	1-1, 2-2	1-2, 2-3	2
Minmi Rangers	1-2, 2-2	1-1, 2-2	X	1-1, 2-3	4
WallSEND Rovers	2-3, 2-2	2-1, 3-2	1-1, 3-2	X	8

1895

Ellis Cup Series.

Round.1. Minmi Rangers	1 v Merewether Advance	1
Replay		
Minmi Rangers	1 v Merewether Advance	0
Adamstown Rosebud	4 v Wallsend Rovers	2
West Wallsend Athletic	(Bye)	

Semi Finals

Adamstown Rosebud	3 v West Wallsend Athletic	1
Minmi Rangers	(Bye)	

Final

Minmi Rangers	0 v Adamstown Rosebud	0
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Replay

Minmi Rangers	1 v Adamstown Rosebud	1
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Replay

Minmi Rangers	3 v Adamstown Rosebud	2
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Representative Matches

Later in this season, two representative games were played between Sydney and Newcastle.

The first match, played in Sydney at the Showground 17/8/1895 ended in a 2x2 draw.

Newcastle	2 v Sydney	2
J. Clayton (Adamstown)	J. Hickey (Parkgrove)	
J. McCroarie (Capt) Minmi Rgs)	R. Hitchens (Capt) Pyrmont Rangers)	
Arch Jackson (Wallsend)	A. Banner (Parkgrove)	
H. Bryant Merewether Adv)	J. Dean (Pyrmont Rangers)	
J. Jackson (Wallsend)	R. Fox (Pyrmont Rangers)	
J. Caddis (Minmi Rangers)	J. Ferguson (Balmain)	
T. Needs (Minmi Rangers)	H. Muir (Thistles)	
Jimmy Curran (Minmi Rangers)	J. Martin (Pyrmont Rangers)	
G. Miller (Wallsend)	W. Figures (Parkgrove)	
J. George (Adamstown)	A. Morgan (Pyrmont Rangers)	
A. Rae (Merewether Advance)	L. Hardy (Pyrmont Rangers)	

Referee J. Logan

In the return match at Newcastle on 14/9/1895 we see

Newcastle	5 v Sydney	0
Hancock (Minmi Rgs)	O'Connell (Balmain)	
A. Jackson (Wallsend Rovers)	J. Gibson (Balmain)	
W. Harrison (Wallsend Rovers)	A. Tomb (Balmain)	
J. McCroarie (Minmi Rangers)	R. Thornburn (Balmain)	
Lynch (Adamstown)	W. Johnson (Sydney Thistles)	
J. Jackson (Wallsend Rovers)	J. Logan (Balmain)	
T. Needs (Minmi Rangers)	H. Muir (Sydney Thistles)	
Jimmy Curran (Minmi Rangers)	W. Figures (Parkgrove)	
J. Harrison (Wallsend Rovers)	A. Hargreaves (Pyrmont Volunteers)	
J. George (Adamstown)	A. Morgan (Pyrmont Rangers)	
A. Rae (Merewether Advance)	Whitmarsh (Parkgrove)	

Referee H. Brien

Newcastle's Scorers were Jimmy Curran (3) and J. Harrison (2)

Committee.

Sport, as well as business, was seriously affected by the miners' strike and a recession in the industry. A special meeting was held to enquire into the need of football in Newcastle. This committee produced a comprehensive report but many of its recommendations were ignored or never implemented. Mr Denton donated a new trophy. "THE DENTON CUP", which was set aside for the premiership. However, there were only three entries for the Badge Series; Adamstown Rosebud, Merewether Advance and Minmi Rangers.

The Final points score below tell the story

1896 Denton Cup P'ship	Adamstown Rosebud	Mare'ithar Advance	Minni Rangers	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	3-1, 4-1	2-0, 3-0	8
Mare'ithar Advance	1-3, 1-4	X	3-3, 1-1	2
Minni Rangers	0-2, 0-3	3-3, 1-1	X	2

Final

Adamstown Rosebud	5 v Merewether Advance	1
J. Waugh		
J. Harrison		
W. Harrison		
D. Wilson		
Gillard		
E. Bartley		
Pridue		
Martin		
J. George		
Hamilton		
R. Waugh		

Adamstown entered the Gardiner Cup, but were eliminated by Balmain 4x0.

The standard of play in Newcastle and club organisation left much to be desired. The Newcastle Morning Herald reported on the 10/5/1896 that the British Football Association has appeared to have fallen flat.... probably due to the fact that the game is played mainly by miners".

Ellis Cup series.

Semi Final .

Merewether Advance 2 v Minmi Rangers 1
Adamstown Rosebud (Bye)

Final

Adamstown Rosebud 5 v Merewether Advance 1

SCOTTISH BORN V ENGLISH BORN

on 16/6/1896 the Sydney Association held trials before the selection of a team to play Victoria.

Scottish Team

W.Mair(Caledonians)
C.Mather(Caledonians)
W.Baillie(Granville)
J.Picken(Granville)
W.Coombs(Caledonians)
J.Greigg(Caledonians)
C.Stephens(Caledonians)
W.A.Muir(Caledonians)
F.Adams(Granville)
W.Johnson(Caledonians)
A.Irvine(Caledonians)

English Team

T.Heathcote(Granville)
H.Capper(Canterbury)
A.E.Moss(The Wanderers)
R.Walker(Granville)
J.White(Canterbury)
F.Meredith(Canterbury)
H.Weymess(Canterbury)
J.Smith(Canterbury)
J.Wyke(Canterbury)
J.Parnall(The Wanderers)
J.Winters(Granville)

Referee A.Miller

President NSW Association

Many players and their families left Newcastle and headed for the gold fields in Western Australia where work was readily available.

A press reference noted that a Southern Cross West Australian match was played in June between an ex-Minmi XI and an ex-Adamstown XI which ended in a 2x2 draw.

NEW CLUB FORMED AT GRETA

A new club was formed just outside of Maitland near East Greta Railway Station Called "East Greta". The first match for this club was against Greta; East Greta winning 4x0. This new club catered generally for local youths or sons of migrants. There were renewed efforts by enthusiasts to foster the game and brighter trade prospects were a big help.

Hamilton Athletic Team

J.Dixon, J.Orr, D.Aitken, W.Mason, J.Flemming, J.Welsh, A.Jackson, R.Jackson, D.Liddle, J.Brown, R.Richmond, D.Smart, F.Rennan, J.Davidson, C.Dunlop, J.Rice, D.Houston, W.Lithgow, J.Millar, D.Millar, J.McLeary, F.Maxwell, J.Berrage.

Southern Teams

Balmain, Pyrmont Rangers, Sydney Thistles, and Pyrmont Volunteers.

Balmain played in its new strip of blue and gold for the first time on the 29/5/1896.

A combined Sydney team defeated a team from a visiting British Fleet 6x4

The result of the Sydney Kerr Cup, saw Balmain defeat Pyrmont Volunteers 3x2. Scorers for Balmain were Hotson, Dick, and Banner, While J.White score both goals for the Volunteers.

December 2nd, 11 Miners killed in Stockton mine explosion.



Back Row. Bob Hunter, James Bone (Trn) James Bartley,
Chas Welham, Harry Dempsey, Dave Waugh, Dave Wilson
Eddie Barley, J.D. Hamilton,
Middle Row. Bob Waugh, Dave Harris, George Nichols (Capt)
R.R. Elgey, Dick Tarrant.
Front Row. George Lee, Joe Waugh, (Mascot) Bob Talbot.

EAST GRETA

Early in April, 1896, a group of 22 miners met in the Cricket Ground near the East Greta Railway Station to form a Soccer Club.

The inaugural officials were: President, Mr. R. Cartwright, Secretary, Mr. T. Cantwell; Treasurer, Mr. A. Coulton.

The following players were registered in the third grade Newcastle competition: R. Cartwright, W. Muir, A. Coulton, R. Parkes, R. Waugh, Searston, A. Stagg, C. Stagg, J. Downie, T. Cantwell, F.

Genge, T. Dodd, J. Porter, W. Coulton, G. Rosser, J. Currie, J. Cook, J. Jones, W. Lindsay, W. Miller, A. Parker, J. Ballard.

The first match played at East Greta was against Greta. It drew a crowd of 500 and was won by the locals by 3 to 2. A return match at Greta saw the result reversed for Greta won by 3 to 2. These games were great social events for both centres.

In 1902, the club had T. Cantwell as secretary and used black with gold hoops as its colours. New players included J. Lord, J. Smith, M. Smith, H. Jowett, W. Jowett, A. Lavender, L. Bunn, W. Hinman and C. Cartwright.

The club's home ground proved too small and visiting teams often complained about the uneven surface.

At the annual meeting in March, 1903, the club decided to join with a new club at Heddon Greta, where there was a much better ground near the local hotel. During the 1916-1920 period, the club fielded junior teams including the Hoskins, Tiedman, Jowett brothers and all top-notch players.

1897 Season
President. Dr. Clarke

New Club Formed Across Newcastle Harbour.
A new club was formed at the General Washington Hotel
20/4/1897 at Stockton.

President. D. McAuliffe
Secretary. J. D. Hamilton
Treasurer. T. Johnstone
The Club colours would be Sky Blue Shirt with white Braces.
Their first match was at Carrington on the 24/4/1897.
Where it defeated Carrington Blackwatch 2x0.
The return match ended in 1x1 draw.

The Big News For The Season
West Wallsend Athletic notified the NDBFA that it had
changed its name to West Wallsend Bluebells and its new
colours would be Royal Blue Shirt, White Trim and White
Shorts.
Under this new name, West Wallsend Bluebells (Westy) gained
much prestige and would soon be one of the most powerful
teams in Australia; winning almost every competition it
entered.

The Denton Cup this year attracted five entrants and
the results are as follows:

1897 Denton Cup P'ship	Adamstown Rosebud	Merrith Advance	Mirani Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	West Wallsend Bluebells	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	1-0	1-2	0-2	1-0	4
Merrith Advance	0-1	X	3-3	0-4	1-2	1
Mirani Rangers	2-1	3-3	X	2-3	0-2	3
Wallsend Rovers	2-0	4-0	3-2	X	0-1	6
West Wallsend Bluebells	0-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	X	6

Wallsend Rovers and West Wallsend Bluebells met at the
Newcastle Cricket Ground in the Final of the Cup, with
West Wallsend defeating it's neighbour Wallsend Rovers 1x0.
The teams would be.

1897

West Wallsend Bluebells

Peter Bowling

R.Harden

Jimmy Curran

Richardson

Leckie

D.Maunder

Paterson

Robertson

Harrison

Dempsey(1)

Brennan

1 v Wallsend 0

Sid Henwood

W.Harrison

Sid Neal

J.Harrison

Horrie Pridue

Jackson

Miller

R.Brooks

Cherry

Haddow

R.White

Ellis Cup

In the Ellis Cup, an entry from the Pyrmont Volunteers in Sydney was received and accepted.

When the draw revealed that Wallsend would meet the Volunteers, The Wallsend Club offered to play the tie in Sydney, where they gained much prestige by holding the Pyrmont Boys to a 2x2 draw. In the replay at Wallsend a very large crowd saw Wallsend Bolshies go down 3x1.

In the semi final, Minmi Rangers beat Adamstown Rosebud 2x1, while Pyrmont Volunteers thrashed Minmi Rangers 5x1. The teams were

Minmi Rangers

J.Hancock

W.McCroarie

Shepperd

Davis

McBlane

Murdock

Cummock

Muir

T.Needs(1)

J.Stevenson

Waite

1 v Pyrmont Volunteers 5

Radcliffe

Martin

Banner

Davies

Watson

B.Shaw

Trentholme(2)

Vassila(1)

Keough

W.Carey

C.White(2)

Walsend Rovers 2nd XI

1897 Row.

Manager (Umpire) A. Henwood (Secretary) J. Fletcher (V. President) J. B. McAuliffe (V. President) S. Neal (Treasurer) J. Fogo

Middle Row.

Robert White (Captain) G. Wells, G. Wilson, T. Hepplewhite, A. Roy, J. Jobling.

Front Row.

H. Humphries, H. Jobling, A. Begbie, G. Jackson, J. Fogo.

Mascots not known.

(Please note the initials on the shirts)



WALSEND ROVERS 2ND ELEVEN.

Sid NeaI (Treasurer)

Middle Row. Robert White (Capt) G. Wells, G. Wilson, T. Hepplewhite
A. Roy, J. Jobling

Front Row. H. Humphries, H. Jobling, A. Begbie, G. Jackson, J. Fogo
(Mascots not known.)

"Please note the players initials on the shirts."







order of names to be checked out

The team is

P. Bowling R. Hardie J. Curran Richardson

Leckie J. Maunders Peterson J. Robertson

Harrison Dempsey Brennan

1897 W.N.B.F.C.

■ CHAMPIONS OF THE NORTH

This photograph was taken on June 3, 1898. It shows the West Walsend Bluebells soccer team, who were the Northern champions in 1897, the year the club changed its name from West Walsend Athletic (formed in 1891) to the Bluebells. A few days after this picture was taken Westy Bluebells were at home to Belgowne, the champions of the South Coast. The game was looked on, as a report of the period put it, 'as a test twist north and south'. Belgowne won 3-2 in what was described as a 'fast and exciting game'.



P. BOWLING R. HARDEN J. CUBBIE RICHARDSON
LECKI J. MAUNDER PATERSON J. ROBERTSON
HARRISON DEMPSEY BRENNAN

(ORDER ?)

1898 Season

President. W. Denton

Secretary. Jack Harrison

Treasurer. J. Bone

The Annual General Meeting early in March, disclosed the best financial position for many years. The Sydney administrators informed the northern association that a State team would visit Queensland during August and it was hoped to include several Newcastle Players.

INTERNAL DISPUTE WITHIN WALLSEND.

The Wallsend Club suffered from an internal dispute, resulting in Secretary J. Symes nominating Wallsend in both the Denton and Gardiner Cups as well as the Ellis Cup. In the Gardiner Challenge Cup, Wallsend's entry was late and so the Sydney administrators rejected it. They were told, however, "THAT IF THEY NOMINATED AS A NEW CLUB, THEN THEIR ENTRY WOULD BE ACCEPTED. (This is important to remember).

DENTON CUP

The Denton Cup Final was won by West Wallsend Bluebells who beat Minmi Rangers 2x0.

West Wallsend Team	2 v Minmi Rangers	0
Richardson	Hancock	
P. Bowling	McCroarie	
F. Leckie	Sheppard	
R. Harden	Williams	
Harris	McBlane	
D. Maunder	Patrick	
J. Curran(1)	Murnane	
M. Burrell	Davies	
Brennan	Muir	
Harrison(1)	Sneddon	
R. Leckie	Brown	

1898 Denton Cup P'ship	Adamstown Rosebud	Minmi Rangers	Newcastle West (Wallsend Rovers)	West Wallsend Bluebells	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	1-2, 1-2	2-3, 2-2	1-3, 2-4	1
Minmi Rangers	2-1, 2-1	X	3-2, 2-1	2-2, 2-2	10
Newcastle West (Wallsend Rovers)	3-2, 2-2	2-3, 1-2	X	2-3, 0-2	3
West Wallsend Bluebells	3-1, 4-2	2-2, 2-2	3-2, 2-0	X	10

Ellis Cup series

Semi Finals. Minmi Rangers 1 v West Wallsend Bluebells 0
 Newcastle West 1 v Adamstown Rosebud 0

Final Minmi Rangers won on Forfeit

**Note Newcastle West(Wallsend Rovers)

The Ellis Cup Final had a very disappointing ending as Minmi Rangers were awarded the medals from the Committee room. The final between Minmi Rangers and Newcastle West (Wallsend Rovers) was listed for the Cricket Ground on 8/10/1898. with the kick off scheduled for 3.00pm.

The teams assembled but two junior finals had delayed play by one and a half hours.

The Newcastle West team(Wallsend Rovers) thinking that the senior game was postponed, left the ground.

However, Minmi rangers took the field, scored the unnecessary goal, won the match and then claimed the medals.

(it's important to note here that had Minmi Rangers kicked off and missed the goal, then the match would have ended in a scoreless draw, as no-one could have restarted the game.

The State Association, which was operating for the first time, staged a series of inter-district games to help State Selectors.

In these games, Newcastle beat South Coast 2x0 and Sydney defeated Newcastle 3x1. Sydney then played a 1x1 draw with a combined Newcastle/South Coast side.

Four Newcastle players consequently won State Selection to play against Queensland ; A.Bailey, A.Jackson, W.Harrison, and J.Symes.

In the first match NSW defeated Queensland 3x2. But Queensland won the next match 3x1.

Gardiner Cup

Three northern clubs entered the Gardiner Challenge Cup. West Wallsend Bluebells was knocked out in the first round by Balgownie 3x2.

Newcastle West(Wallsend Rovers) beat Adamstown Rosebud 3x1, having played a 2x2 draw in their first encounter.

Newcastle West(Wallsend Rovers) entered the final by defeating Balgownie 3x2 in Sydney.

However in the Final

Pymont Volunteers	3 v Newcastle West(Wallsend Rovers)	2
T.Hooke	A.Baillie	
R.Martin	A.Jackson	
A.Banner	H.Humphris	
J.Train	A.Moore	
S.Watson	T.Harrison	
F.Davis	R.Brookes	
A.Trentholme	W.Harrison	
B.L.Shaw	S.Henwood	
C.White	J.Symes	
J.Carey	S.Miller	
W.Banner	D.Jackson	

Referee G.Dunn

"It has often been said that Wallsend Rovers never won nor played in a Gardiner Cup Final. Well, I guess they didn't; Not under the name of Wallsend Rovers, anyway. But indeed under the name of Newcastle West ?

Representative Match.

Newcastle	1 v Sydney	3
Bob Elgey	T.Hooke	
A.Jackson	J.Gibson	
F.Bartley	A.Banner	
D.Jackson	S.Watson	
W.Harrison	M.Mills	
T.Harrison	J.Hutton	
J.Symes	J.Trentholme	
J.Harrison	G.Hotson(1)	
E.Bartley	C.White(1)	
J.K.Harrison	J.Carey(1)	
D.Hamilton(1)	C.Harrison	

Referee G.D.Gunn

In the special combined Newcastle/South Coast v Sydney the teams were

Newcastle/South Coast	1 v Sydney	1
A.Baillie(Newcastle)	T.Hooke	
A.Jackson(Newcastle)	A.Banner	
C.York(South Coast)	J.Gibson	
J.Symes(Newcastle)	M.Watson	
W.Harrison(Newcastle)(1)	Vassella	
Davis(South Coast)	J.Hutton	
W.Banner(South Coast)	J.Trentholme	
Frost(South Coast)	Shaw	
H.Humphris(Newcastle)	C.White	
Fitzsimmons(South Coast)	J.Carey(1)	
Rae(South Coast)	C.Harrison	
R.Harden(Newcastle)		

Referee E.Lyons.

QUEENSLAND Tour

A NSW team toured Queensland where they played two matches In the first game NSW defeated Queensland 3x2 Queensland winning the second match 3x2. The NSW players were A.Baillie(Newcastle West) J.Gibson(Balmain), A.Jackson(Newcastle West, Capt) S.Watson(Pymont Volunteers), W.Harrison(Newcastle West, J.Symes(Newcastle West) A.Rae(Balgownie) C.York(Balgownie) T.Hobson(Pymont Rangers) J.Trentholme(Pymont Volunteers) D.Taylor(Sydney) C.Harrison(Sydney)

Queensland visited Sydney for one match for a 2x1 win.

At a Meeting in Sydney during the year the NSW British Association elected 8 legislators to control football within NSW.

They were, D.H.Easton, T.A.Clyne, J.Logan all of Sydney) W.Denton, Jack Harrison and J.Bone(Newcastle) R.Vardy and Mr Simms of South Coast.

On the 28th March this year, a massive mine explosion occurred at the Dudley Colliery caused by Gas. The mine had been idle for a number of days and was being prepared for work, when on the Monday morning at 9am, the mine exploded.

The explosion could be heard six miles away and 15 miners were killed.

They were G. Hindmarsh, (Underground Manager)

T. Young, T. Hetherington, W. Rudge, T. Jones, W. McDougall,

T. Haddon, T. Dorrity, A. Durtain, G. Cook, J. Benson, T. Green

W. Humphreys, S. Price, A. Nowbray.

Also on the 29th October, three miners were killed in the East Greta mine disaster.

The Sydney Morning Herald reports of the 2/5/1898

BRITISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the inter-provincial board of the British Football Association of New South Wales was held at the Grand Hotel, Newcastle, yesterday afternoon. The representatives to

attendance were:—Sydney, Messrs. Clynne, Easton, and Logan; South Coast, Mr. Vardy; Newcastle, Mr. Denton. Offers were received from the New

Zealand and Queensland associations, and after a lengthy discussion it was resolved to accept the offer made by Queensland to despatch a team to New South Wales in July next. The terms mentioned were expenses and 25 per cent. of the takings. It

was decided that a series of test matches should be played on the Sydney Cricket Ground as follows:—

North v. South Coast, —Winners v. Sydney, and

Winners v. a Combined Team. Messrs. Logan, Vardy,

and Denton were appointed a selection committee.

It was resolved, in order that the conditions in every district might be uniform, to adopt the laws of the game as revised by the international board of Great Britain. Mr. W. R. Denton was elected president,

and Mr. Logan secretary. At the conclusion of the

proceedings the visitors thanked the Northern Association for the hospitable treatment accorded to

them. In the evening the visiting delegates were

entertained at a banquet.

1899 Season
 President.W.Denton
 Secretary.Jack Harrison
 Treasurer.P.Strachan

This proved to be a very uneventful season with interest at an all time low.
 For months, only two entries were received for the Denton Cup series, West Wallsend and Adamstown; To provide more interest, West Wallsend entered a "B" team, This allowed the premiership proceed with three entries.
 At the end of a 12 week season the point score read West Wallsend "A" (8) Adamstown (3) West Wallsend "B" 1.
 To finalise a very unhappy season, the Association decided to put both the Denton and Ellis Cups up with medals in the one final, which was played at the Newcastle Cricket Ground in August. The game proved to be a real surprise, however, drawing a crowd of 2000 people who saw West Wallsend Bluebells "A" DEFEAT Adamstown 0.
 The game, though, will be remembered as Brolgey Elgey final. for the rugged Adamstown keeper was in majestic form. He stopped two "spot" kicks as well as dozens more stingers.
 It was well into the second half before the winning goal was scored by Stankhouse.

West Wallsend (A)	1 v Adamstown	0
M.Burrell	Brolgey Elgey	
Jackson	Maxwell	
J.Durie	Harris	
R.Harden	F.Bartley	
M.Martin	E.Talbot	
D.Maunders	T.Wilson	
Lackie	A.Talbot	
Stankhouse	T.Harrison	
Robertson	Chapman	
R.Durie	Mastman	
Howie	J.Harrison	

Gardiner Cup

Both West Wallsend and Adamstown entered the Gardiner Cup series. Adamstown gave an inglorious display, submitting meekly to Pyrmont Volunteers 5x1, The only redeeming feature was the skilful display by a local youth, Skinner Maxwell.
 However, West Wallsend thrashed a Balmain "B" side 8x0 with Howie scoring 5 goals.
 In the closely fought semi final, West Wallsend went down to Balgownie 1x0. Five Junior clubs came into existence during the year. They were Great Boulders, Teralba Advance, Greta Comers, Patent Rollers, and Hamilton.

WEST WALLSEND F.C. ELLIS FOOTBALL CLUB.
Gardiner and Ellis Cup winners 1899-1900-1926



WEST WALLSEND 1899-1900-1901

Back Row: Alex Blair, R. Davis, F. Lackie, Middle: J. Maender, W. Tumbale, R. Handon (Capt), Frost, J. Curran, R. Howie, S. Scott, F. Lachie, J. Robertson. Officials: (left to right) F. McCann, P. Strachan, Dr. Hocking, J.M. Dutton, P. Dick, F. Lachie & R. Lachie are brothers. J. Maender is the father of Henry and Podge. W. Tumbale became Manager of Cullen Bullen Colliery on the South Coast.

The Cups on the table are Left to Right, Gardiner-Ellis Cups.

West Wallsend record to date is

Gardiner Cup.1900, 1901,1921,1923,1924,1926.

Runners Up.1902,1915,1919,1921.

Ellis Cup Record 1899,1900,1901,1902,1919,1921,1925,1926.

Sydney Competition

In Southern NSW the teams were Balmain "A", Balmain "B"
Pymont Rangers, Pymont Volunteers,

In The Southern Kerr Cup Final;
Balmain "A" 3 v Pymont Volunteers 0

The State Association Annual meeting held in Wollongong
on the 4th May elected a new secretary Mr John Logan.

Representative Fixtures

During a tour to Queensland NSW 3 defeated Queensland 2
in its second match Queensland defeated NSW 3x2.
NSW Defeated Ipswich Rovers 9x0 and West Moreton 3x0.

In a representative game between Newcastle and the South
Coast on June 10, Newcastle won 2x0.

The Newcastle team was

Bob "Brolgey" Elgey, F. Bartley, A. Jackson, R. Harden (Capt)
W. Harrison, D. Maunder, E. Bartley, R. Leckie, J. Muir, J. Hamilton,
T. Harrison, J. Davis.

Player Register.

Adamstown Rosebud

R. Elgey, F. Bartley, E. Bartley, W. Hanford, Harris, R. Waugh,
T. Harrison, J. Harrison, R. Robinson, J. George, R. Talbot, R. Martin
J. Maxwell, J. Hamilton, T. Wilson, E. Talbot, Chapman, A. Talbot
Mastman.

Hamilton

Kinder, Sharpe, Robinson, Roach, Wooley, Mowatt, Stott, Green,
Williams, Pringle, Hughes, Booth, Hedley.

Merewether Advance

J. McLelland, W. Smith, N. Turpin, P. Hall, G. Jackson, W. Sneddon
J. Pryor, E. Burston, S. McLeary, J. Hamilton, T. Bland.

Broadmeadow

J. Atkinson, D. Harrison, J. Filby, D. Waugh, W. Thornton, J. Baddow,
E. Harvey, A. McNaughton, J. Nix, D. Murchie, R. Date, D. Gramyn
J. Drain, B. Howie

West Wallsend Bluebells

M. Burrell, A. Jackson, J. Durie, R. Harden, M. Martin, D. Maunder
R. Leckie, F. Leckie A. Howie, Stankhouse, Robertson, R. Durie
B. Howie.

**Please note 11 miners were killed 22nd June in the
Hamilton Mine disaster.

Denton Cap Pulp 1947	Adamstown Rosebud	West Wallsend Bluebells	Wenty 1947	Peter
Adamstown Rosebud	X	1-3, 1-3	3-2, 1-1	3
West Wallsend Bluebells	3-1, 3-1	X	1-0, 4-1	8
Wenty	2-2, 1-1	0-3, 1-4	X	1



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SUBJECT: JOHNSTON PARK

Dear Mr Rowe

Recent Council investigations have revealed that the home ground of the West Wallsend Soccer Club is in fact Johnston Park not Johnson as it has been previously known.

Records show in the mid to late 1800's the Johnston Family leased "The Park" from the Coal Company, cleared the land of timber and marked out a soccer field. From then on it was known as Johnston Park.

Council advise that the official name of your home ground off Laidley Street West Wallsend is now Johnston Park and further advise you to inform the Northern NSW Soccer Federation to update their records.

I trust this is of assistance and should you require further information or clarification on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 4921 0579.

Yours faithfully

CHRIS MINER
PARK LIAISON OFFICER (WEST)
COMMUNITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1900 Season

President/s.W.Denton-Jas Robertson
Secretary.Jack Harrison
Treasurer.P.Strachan

The NDBFA officials faced a major problem at the AGM as to whether to grade clubs and thereby strengthen the senior grade or to continue to allow clubs to nominate for any ranking they wished. In addition,the junior ranking was becoming top heavy.

Both President/s and Secretary supported the idea of freedom for the clubs but stated that if officials found clubs stacking teams to win medals,then prompt and determined action would be taken. However,despite prolonged discussion and lobbying,only West Wallsend and Adamstown entered both the Denton and Ellis Cups.

Before the season opened,West Wallsend Bluebells notified the association of their new ground.

It was through the generosity of local businessman and sportsman Mr Ackroyd,that allowed the ground to be obtained at nocost to the West Wallsend Club,and that ground is still used today in the year 2000.

The Results of matches are.

1900 Denton Cup P'ship	Adamstown Rosebud	Wallsend Rovers	West Wallsend Bluebells	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	1-2, 0-2	2-3	0
Wallsend Rovers	2-1, 2-0	X	1-2, 1-0	6
West Wallsend Bluebells	3-2	2-1, 0-1	X	4

In the Denton Cup Final on the 25th August at Newcastle Cricket Ground,Wallsend Rovers caused a sensation by beating West Wallsend Bluebells 5x2.
The Teams were

Wallsend Rovers
J.Hancock
J.Miller
D.Jackson
R.Brookes
W.Harrison(Capt)
J.Jobling
H.Humphries(1)
J.Wishardt(1)
J.Harrison(1)
P.Pridge(1)
S.Henwood(1)

5 v West Wallsend Bluebells 2
M.Burrell
F.Leckie
A.Muir
D.Maunder
R.Harden(Capt)
W.Tensdale
R.Leckie
Howie
J.Curran(1)
J.Robertson(1)
C.Swan

1900 Denton Cup(Premiers) wallsend Rovers



1900 Denton Cup(Premiers) Wallsend Rovers



1900 Denton Cup(Premiers) wallsend Rovers



Back Row: J Miller, R Brooks, S J Henwood (Treasurer), J Hancock,
W. Harrison (Capt) D. Jackson, J. Jobling
Front Row: R Pridue, H Humphries, J Harrison (Secretary) J. Wishart

Gardiner Cup

West Wallsend proved to be the team of the season. Even the Sydney critics were predicting that the Bluebells would win their first Gardiner Cup. After its convincing 6-4 win over the strong Balgownie XI, it had to survive a 1-1 draw in the semi-final against Balmain before taking care of them in the replay, 2-1. Both games were played in Sydney.

Before the coveted trophy landed in Westy, however, the team had to meet Pyrmont Volunteers twice at the University Oval in Sydney. The first clash ended in a 3-3 draw but the BLUEBELLS SHOWED SKILL AND DETERMINATION to win the replay 4-1.

The "gate" netted £55 pounds & sixpence from the admission charged for men. Ladies were admitted free. The Referee, Mr. J. Ferguson of Sydney, was reported as saying, "I've never seen better teamwork in this fair land than that shown by the West Wallsend Bluebells. Howie, Harden Curran and Maunder were great." The win produced the most enthusiastic scenes when the players returned by rail to Cockle Creek Railway Station. When skipper, Bob Harden, produced the famous Gardiner Cup, the crowd roared their appreciation. Trophies were presented later at the Victory Ball.

It was evident that West Wallsend had now taken over the crown which eight years earlier had been won and worn by Minmi Rangers. Another isolated mining centre, unknown outside the coalfields, was now well written into the sporting columns of all important newspapers in the State. West Wallsend's win did more than excite enthusiasm in its own mining town, it created a football fever which spread like an infectious disease to all the small mining centres, where football clubs sprang up like mushrooms after summer rain.

Player Register for 1900 season

Wallsend Rovers-W. Barnett, J. Lidbury, Sid Henwood, R. Pridue
J. Wishardt, J. Hancock, A. Roy, H. Humphries, J. Jobling, H. Jobling
A. Begbie, J. Harrison, A. Harrison, W. Harrison, R. Brooks, W. Needs,
G. Merrion, J. Driver, J. Durie, W. Giles, T. Hepplewhite, G. Wells
D. Jackson, J. Miller, A. Stirling, J. Syme, H. Moore, W. Patrick,
S. Neal, F. Barrett, G. Wilson, J. Davis, D. Evans, A. Archibald
R. Blair, G. Newton

Wallsend Great Boulders-I. Sheldon, H. Hughes, T. Robinson,
P. Cadman, P. Conn, H. Parks, W. Parkinson, J. Horne, D. Murray, F. Pond,
D. Bower, J. Davies, L. Dawson, W. Paterson, P. Briggs, R. McBlane
T. Johns, W. Parks, A. Pond, T. Hill

Teralba Advance-J. Fulton, G. Blundall, J. Sharpe, J. Williams
D. Cherry, R. Hunter, A. Johnson, J. O'Neill, J. McIntosh, G. Nelbum,
J. McLaughlin, W. Thomas, F. O'Neill, H. Howell, J. Cherry, A. Pike
H. Opher, T. Barnett, W. Hughes, J. Hughes, P. McLaughlin, E. Jepson,
C. Johnston, C. Creighton

Greta Cameo's-E. Allison, Garnett Hodge, Geo Hodge, J. Hodge
J. Beatty, F. North, H. Chappell, E. Picken, W. Waugh, J. North
W. Dempsey, J. Whalan, F. Chappell, W. Dimmock, E. Minto, C. Hagan,
J. Jackson, J. Henderson, G. Reeves, J. Hanley

In the semi final of the Ellis Cup two weeks later, the Westy Bluebells ran riot to avenge the Cup defeat. The game proved to be a thriller with Wallsend on the receiving end.

After 10 minutes of play, the match was all over bar the final whistle, because Westy led 4 goals to nil. "But by half time Wallsend had struggled back to be down 3x4.

In the second half, R. Leckie, a very fast winger, netted a hat-trick and the Bolshies were flattened to the tune of 8x3; a record for a semi final.

On 6th October West Wallsend beat Adamstown in the final by 5x1, this match was played at Wallsend. the line up of both teams were

West Wallsend Bluebells	5 v	Adamstown Rosebud	1
M. Burrell		R. "Brolgey" Elgay	
H. Muir		E. Bartley	
F. Leckie		Watt	
R. Harden		E. Talbot	
W. Teasdale		Dempsey	
D. Maunder		R. Talbot	
J. Robertson		J. Harrison	
J. Curran		Sparkes	
Howie		Brown	
Swan		T. Harrison	
R. Leckie		J. Filby	

FOOTBALL ON THE COALFIELDS.

Soccer had invaded the fringe areas of what we call the South Maitland Coalfields, years before the world famed geologist, Sir Edgeworth David, found coal near Deep Creek at Abermain.

Centres such as Greta and East Greta saw soccer in 1887 and in 1901 respectively, years before the silence of rich coal seams, under virgin bushlands, were awakened from their long slumbers.

When the discovery was made, collieries sprang up at Heddon-Greta, Stanford Merthyr, Pelaw Main, Hebburn, Abermain, Neath, Aberdare and Cessnock.

This industrial area soon attracted workmen and their families, who deserted the dying Minmi and Greta and hit the rough tracks across the hills to Kurri and later to Cessnock. All brought with their chattels, two common bonds — the desire to find permanent employment and the love of soccer.

It is the aim of this project to place on record the birth, the growth and development of soccer on the South Maitland Coalfields.

This has not been easy as few official records have been preserved and months of research have been necessary.

It hopes to record names of players, officials and results — that means history.

The code has experienced its "ups and downs" in its years of existence.

Many declare that its Golden Years lay between 1925 and 1930. The depression of the early thirties, at times, dimmed its lamp of progress to a mere flicker, but in its darkest depression, the loyalty and devotion of a noble band of workers piloted the game through such turbulent waters to calmer seas.

The roots sown by pioneers were deep and secure, for the code is fast regaining its former popularity. A recent survey shows clearly a revival of strength in the junior, juvenile and school ranks where there is a keener appreciation of the arts and skills of the world's most popular code of football.

The trade depression of the thirties drove scores of experienced players to the cities in search of employment. Their soccer prowess was a big asset on their personal references. A noted Coalfield educationalist wrote, "We export, high quality coal — our best brains and our soccer stars".

It would be naive not to admit that the standard of club administration had fallen short of that to be desired but no one could doubt the loyalty and sincerity of the men, who shouldered the task of keeping the soccer flag flying. In this group, there were legions whose names are too many to record — many will remain forgotten. At the peak of its popularity, the Coalfielders despaired by bad and dishonest administration in Newcastle, planted the seed for the birth of the first State League.

Coalfields' participation in the formation of the State League in 1926-27 was so keen that it is essential to review certain details here.

In 1926, pressure on the N.S.W. Soccer Association in Sydney forced that body to set up two committees to submit reports on this demand for reform.

- (1) The Association Committee of Messrs. S. H. Stack, C. P. Dixon, S. A. Storey, P. J. Shepherd, H. Reay — to present the anti-State League Case.
- (2) Clubs' Committee of W. Beaney, J. Earp, H. Epps — to present the case for a State League.

Data at that time revealed —

- (a) Clubs in favour of State League were: Woonona, Granville, Annandale, Kurri, Weston, Cessnock, Aberdare.
- (b) Clubs opposed were: New Lambton, West Wallsend, Wallsend, Holmesville, St. George, Gladesville, Canterbury, East Suburbs, Balmain.

1901 Season

Presidents W.Denton & Cyril Myers

Secretary Jack Harrison

Treasurer P.J.Strachan

A part from the amazing record of West Wallsend, there was little to enthuse over the happenings of this season.

Gardiner Cup

Only six entries were received for the coveted Cup. four from Sydney, West Wallsend from the north and Balgownie from the South Coast. In the semi finals, West Wallsend ran riot over Pyrmont Rangers to win 5x0, while Balgownie eased out the YMCA. This set the stage for the first "All Country Final" This was held at the University Oval in Sydney on the 24th September. There was an invasion of spectators from both the north and south coast and leading referee Mr.G.Gunn, was appointed to control the clash of the miners. With Sydney fans supporting Balgownie, there was great glee when winger, Andy Rae, put Balgownie ahead in the 12th minute. But old Westy was to equalise just on half time when Howie crashed the ball into the net, in the second half, the Bluebells soon took control due to the fine leadership of Harden and goals from Howie, Swan, and Curran soon put paid to Balgownie's hopes.

Westy's only change from previous year's teams was the substitution of Palmer for Burrell in goals.

The Westy team was Palmer, Muir, F.Leckie, R.Harden, W.Teasdale, D.Maunders, Curran, Howie, Swan, R.Leckie, and J.Robertson.

Most activity on the local scene was limited to the keen competition which developed in the 3rd and 4th grades" a new adopted terms in lieu of the former title "Juniors". Only three entries were received for the Denton Cup. and so this was eliminated.

ELLIS CUP

West Wallsend beat Wallsend in the semi final 3x1, qualifying to meet Adamstown in the Final. With its State Cup players available, West Wallsend proved too strong for the Rosebud team running out winners 3x1. Contemporary reports indicated that the loser's goalie, Brodkey Elgey, was responsible for keeping the score respectable.

Teams in the lower Grades included
1st Juniors. Adamstown(A) Adamstown(B) Charlestown,
East Greta, Hamilton, Minmi, Patent Rollers, Wallsend(A)
Wallsend(B) Minmi Trilbys.

2nd Juniors.
Broadmeadow, Charlestown, Broadmeadow Federals, Dudley,
Great Boulders, Hamilton, Patent Rollers, Wallsend Blossoms,
Maryland Royals, Minmi Advance, Minmi Trilbys

Player Register

Adamstown.

E. Sparke, R. Brolgey, Elzey, T. Bartley, J. Watt, R. Talbot,
 George Nix, T. Harrison, J. Harrison, J. Adams, C. Harrison,
 J. Willmott, R. Tarrant, A. Hunt, J. Beddow, J. Bone, M. O'Hagan,
 D. O'Neill, J. Filby, W. Harris, S. Harris, T. Jennings, W. Johns,
 T. Robinson, D. Maxwell, D. Gray, D. Bone, A. Gillard, J. Welham,
 J. Nix, D. Harris, R. Mathews, J. Blanch, J. George, W. Geatchers,
 C. Geatchers, W. Graham, W. Smith, W. Jackson, E. Rouse, G. Elliott,
 D. Elliott, G. Richardson, J. O'Hagan, D. Walker, T. Seidecamp,
 W. Chapman, W. Wilson, E. Bartley, W. Turnbull, F. Elzey,
 G. Edden, J. Finlayson, G. Campbell, J. Pollock, J. Harrison,
 I. Digging, A. Clarke, J. Hadley, D. Jackson, W. Wishardt,
 J. Jobling, J. Harrison, H. Humphries, R. Brooks, W. Harrison,
 N. Turpin.

Minmi Advance (3rd Grade)

W. Evans, G. Scott, T. Hobson, T. Murnane, W. Knott, J. Brown, G. Plain,
 J. Hindman, J. Ramsay, J. Sneddon, J. McBlane, R. McBlane,
 W. McLeish, J. Black, T. Evans, S. Waugh, G. Bilbie

Taralba

J. McLaughlan, P. McLaughlan, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, D. Cherry
 C. Creighton, J. Stubbs, G. Dodds, W. Hart, W. Higgs, A. Howell,
 A. Barnett, J. Fulton, E. Japson, W. Thomas, J. Williams,
 W. Ashman, S. Dumbleton, W. S. Smith, B. Hilton, R. Howe,
 P. Fitzgerald, W. Japson.

Hamilton (2nd Grade)

J. Kinder, T. Kinder, C. Carlin, T. Hedley, C. Hedley, J. Pridue,
 J. Green, J. Purvis, H. Turnbull, W. Williams, J. Sharp, A. Pringle,
 C. Mowett, A. Perkhams, P. M. Myers, R. Carroll, R. Scott, R. Weir,
 H. Hall, F. Woolley, D. Roach, H. Shields.

Hamilton (3rd Grade)

R. Jones, W. Lynn, J. McNaughton, A. Sharpe, J. Thornton, L. Pullan,
 D. Hughes, W. Price, J. Smith, R. Hall, F. Kinder, R. Taylor
 R. Purvis, J. Picton, J. Turnbull, W. Peacock, J. Lonie,
 A. Mullholland, W. Clayton, W. Williams, A. Thomas, J. Hall
 W. Turnbull

Dudley (2nd Grade)

Jas Brown, Thos Henwood, Joe Henderson, Albert Ball,
 T. Taylor, N. Jones, Bill Jones, John Summers, Bill Henwood,
 Sid Nugent.

Wallsend Blossams

Tommy Baird, Steve Saunders, W. Reid, J. Craig, J. Wills, G. Gough
 A. Milburn, J. Paterson, E. Brummel, D. Baird, T. Bower,
 S. Stewart, J. Parkinson, T. Richardson, J. Richardson,
 J. Heel, J. Hughes, H. Thompson, Jas Jackson, Dave Hetherington.

Adamstown Rosebud

J. Nix, J. Brown, F. Bartley, D. Harris, T. Harrison, R. Waugh,
 W. Nicholls, J. Watt, F. Jennings, T. Turnbull, J. George, M. O'Hagan
 S. Lambert, W. Harris, D. Wilson, T. Cooper, J. Welham, R. Matthews,
 Jas. Harrison, Bob Elgey, S. Harris, A. Harris, D. Waugh
 R. Tarrant, R. Talbot, E. Talbot, A. Gilpin, J. Maltman, J. Filby,
 J. Bone, A. Baldwin, W. Graham, W. Johns, J. Blanche, T. Simmonds,
 W. Geatchers, E. Sparke, T. Johns, A. Hunt, G. Gillard, J. Cuthbert,
 E. Gardiner, R. Thomas, H. Cooper, E. Wallworth, W. Chapman,
 E. Stewart, I. Matthews, R. Robinson, W. Talbot, G. Pollock,
 E. Moyle, G. Weatherburn, J. Bush, H. Dempsey, W. Wilson, A. Wilson
 R. McNamara, G. Geatchers, J. Adams, R. Martin, J. D. Hamilton,
 G. See, J. Beddow.

West Wallsend Bluebells

R. Harden, D. Maunder, P. Bowling, J. Muir, R. Leckie, F. Leckie,
 Jimmy Curran, J. Robertson, M. Burrell, E. Bowling, R. Howie, D. Howie,
 F. McMartin, W. Perry, W. Hodge, T. Hodge, A. Grey, W. Teasdale,
 P. Strachan, F. Harrison, S. Hancock, Jas. Wall, J. Stankhouse,
 D. Jones, E. Jones, Joe Davis, H. Burkell, J. Bowling, R. McBlane
 Jas. Williams, D. McNeill, H. Blakely, Alex. Stowe, J. Botter
 B. Fenny, Yorkie Lee, S. Hughes, F. Hedley, J. Burns, Monk Ford
 R. Henderson, T. Richardson, W. Richardson, M. Parker, W. Kaiser,
 A. Henderson, M. Armstrong, R. Gracie, C. Swan, W. Parkes,
 W. Bainbridge, A. Patrick, M. Ridley, S. Farrington.

Patent Rollers (Adamstown)

H. Price, W. Fisher, R. Cameron, A. Elliott, M. Bartley, S. Hopton,
 A. Trippenny, A. Parkes, B. Court, A. Wilson, A. Onslow,
 F. Paterson, W. Brown, W. Vale, D. Cooke, J. Walker, J. Larkins
 W. Reece, W. Peel, R. McNamara, J. Hunter, J. Cooke, J. Bartley,
 R. Waugh, G. Turnbull, W. Turnbull, George Porter, George Lee,
 Ted Gilpin, Tom Jenkins, Sam Waugh, Wal Loyden, Ed Wotten
 Albert Bartley, Matt Turnbull, Bill Nicholls

Minmi Trilbys

J. Rennox, G. Wells, P. Murnane, L. White, J. Russell, J. Davis
 J. Archibald, R. Diver, W. Giles, J. Hodges, L. Hodges, G. Hodges,
 G. Newton, J. Williams, W. McBlane, H. Johnson, W. Needs,
 R. McBlane, A. Barrett.

Broadmeadow

W. Aitchinson, J. Aitchinson, A. Baldwin, J. Baldwin, F. Dunn
 J. Dyson, J. Doyle, D. Harrison, D. Murchie, J. Murchie, A. Shaw
 A. McNaughton, J. Turnbull, J. Thornton, W. Thornton, J. Viggers,
 H. Warpole, Tom Kinleyside, G. Carr, T. Bell, E. Harvey, D. Germyn,
 H. Ridley, A. Ashman, T. Walker, W. Roy, T. Jeffries, A. Jones,
 W. Wilkinson, R. Stevenson, A. Neal, E. Moore

Charlestown G.H.

R. Cook, F. Lewsam, A. Dick, E. Vaisley, G. Askew, B. Lee, W. Urquhart
 A. Jewell, H. Morgan, R. Smith, J. Robinson, T. C. Mowbray, G. Blakey
 W. Geddes, D. Fort, T. Mowbray, F. Hodges, A. E. Smith, R. Fewster,
 G. Robinson

Merewether Advance

W. Smith, S. McLeary, J. Prior, G. Pete, J. McLelland, H. Williams,
J. Britton, R. Sneddon, W. Sneddon, B. Johnson, R. Johnson,
J. Johnson, J. Brooke, H. Turnbull, L. Brookes, E. Buxton,
H. Buxton, P. Hall, B. Hall, J. Galbraith, W. Turnbull, G. Britton,
F. Price, W. McLaren, W. Craig, W. Orr, A. Sharkey, G. Ritchie,
F. Taylor, A. Lowe, A. Dunn, R. Goodshaw, P. Peters, F. Peters,
J. Bell, T. Bell, J. Wilson, N. Turpin, R. Hughes, A. Gill, R. Hughes,
D. Wooley, A. Myers, H. Murphy, H. Shields, W. Williams,
A. Shinley, G. Brooks, J. Lonie.

East Greta

R. Cartwright, W. Muir, A. Coulton, W. Coulton, J. Jones, C. Stagg
E. Searston, A. Stagg, T. Cantwell, J. Downie, J. Cook, R. Waugh,
J. Ballard, J. Porter, P. Parkes, T. Porter, C. Porter, P. Cantwell
W. Lindsay, W. Miller, G. Rosser, J. Currie, A. Parker, F. Dodd,
L. Leishman, F. Gange.

West Wallsend 2nd Grade

Ed Jones, Thos Richardson, A. Horne, J. Williams, J. Parker
J. Bowling, J. Beatty, W. Parkes, R. Henderson, T. Hodge, L. Lee
W. Richardson, L. Hughes, W. Stewart, R. Stewart, W. Bainbridge,
D. McNeill, J. McNeill, J. McMartin, J. Newman, D. Morgan,
J. Bruster, T. Fernie, D. Jones, J. Parkes, H. Burkett, W. Perry
W. Paterson, E. Wilson, G. Faith, J. Valance, S. Farrington,
W. Thomas, T. Walton, G. Anderson, J. Bilpen, W. Robertson, B. Ford,
V. Payne, W. Jones, J. Moroney, P. Dick, B. Fennie, D. Howie,
T. Hopton, S. Rees, T. Westwood, J. Slow, W. McLean.

*** On the 21 Sept. 1901 the very first Football match
was played between Minmi Rangers 2 v East Greta 0

December 1901

3 Miners killed in a accident at the Greta Colliery.

Patent Rollers

A. Bartley, H. Price, W. Fisher, R. Cameron, A. Wilson, J. Britton,
W. Pollock, J. Thompson, F. Jennings, W. Graham, S. Waugh, M. Loyden,
R. McNamara, W. Nichols, A. Elliott, E. Gilpin, J. Magill, E. Wotten,
G. Turnbull, W. Gill, W. Brown, J. Wilson, J. Bullerwell, S. Hpoton,
B. Court, W. Richmond, H. Shipley, P. Jackson, K. Smith, K. Smith
S. Beeton, J. Bush, J. George.

Broadmeadow Federals

John Smith, John Cunningham, John Ryan, John Ray, John Viggers,
Alec Thornton, Fred Deasill, Robert Embleton, James Anders,
Albert Boddy, R. Marchant, Jas Sneddon, Joe Sneddon,
T. Sneddon, T. Gardiner, John Doyle, John Lindus, Jim Arthur,
Billy Myers, Andrew Rennie.

Minmi Rangers - 1901



Players (Not in order)

Williams, McBlane, Russell, Muir, Wells, Pate, Needs, Rennix,
Cummock, Oliver, Murdock, Patrick, Sheppard, Bilbie,
Allen, J. Whitelaw, G. Newton, Renfrew, Pryor, Muller,
Thompson, White, J. Merrion, Hill, Archibald, Davis.

1902 Season.

President/s W.Denton & R.Harden

Vice Presidents.A.Edden(MP)F.Pearce,H.Davis,D.McGeachie,
E.Blackburn,Major Mullholland.

Secretary .J.Nix

Treasurer,P.Strachan

For the annual representative match against Sydney,the northern selectors nominated the entire West Wallsend team to represent Newcastle. The match would be played at Westy on Coronation Day,June 28th.

The Newcastle Team 4 v Sydney 2
(West Wallsend Bluebells)

Palmer	T.Hampson
F.Leckie	W.Bridge
A.Muir	P.Timms
R.Harden(Capt)	A.McGregor
E.Robinson	Albert Moore
R.Keegan	H.Williams
R.Leckie	C.Harrison
H.Pillans(1)	J.Groves
W.Teasdale(2)	E.Lee(1)
W.Parkes	B.Halliday
D.Maunders(1)	T.Harrison(1)

Referee Peter Finlayson

Gardiner Cup

The season's only apparent disappointment was the loss of the Gardiner Cup when West Wallsend went down to Pymont Rovers 3x1.

Only West Wallsend and Adamstown nominated from the north for the state cup.,and both these clubs beat their Sydney opponents in the first round.

West Wallsend defeated Balmain 3x1,while Adamstown accounted for Pymont Volunteers 2x1.

For the first time ever,two northern teams opposed each other in a semi final of the cup.

At the end of regulation time,the score was tied at 1x1, but West Wallsend ran out winners 2x1 after extra time.

Denton Cup Results

1902 Denton Cup	Adamstown Rosebud	M'wether Advance	Minmi Rangers	West Wallsend Bluebells	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	2-1, 2-2	1-0, 2-0	3-3, 1-4	8
M'wether Advance	1-2, 2-2	X	0-2, 1-0	2-4, 2-5	3
Minmi Rangers	0-1, 0-2	2-0, 0-1	X	1-3, 1-1	3
West Wallsend Bluebells	3-3, 4-1	4-2, 5-2	3-1, 1-1	X	10

Lower Grades

In its first season, Rhondda won the junior final by defeating Wallsend Royals 3x2.

The Rhondda team consisted of

D. Cherry, W. Cherry, A. Cherry, A. Chambers, Arch Chambers, A. Cooper, C. Cooper, Wotton, Johnston, McLaughlin, Howell (2) J. Stubbs (1)

Wallsend Royals were. Begbie, Dane, Wilson, Kemp, Diver, Giles, Durie (1) Pringle, Roy, Blair (1) Dowson

The Referee Mr. Galloway.

Other new clubs this year were OUR Boys, Vanity Fair, Grunches.

School Competition.

In the closed season, there was unprecedented activity by officials in an attempt to place the game on a better footing. Great help was received from Major Mullholland of the Department of Public Instruction.

It was his suggestion that a school competition be staged on Saturday mornings. The Association's Annual Meeting, held at Broadmeadow early in March, 1902, was the best and biggest ever. Clubs represented were Adamstown Rosebud, Adamstown Shamrocks, Broadmeadow, Charlestown, Dudley, East Greta, Merewether Advance, Minmi, Stockton, Hamilton, Wallsend Rovers, and West Wallsend. After Mr D. Jackson had read a special report entitled

"HOW WE MUST ACT TO DEVELOP THE GAME"

IT WAS AGREED TO FORM A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO GRADE PLAYERS. and to invite entries to form four grades.

Player Register

Stockton

W. Roy, T. Shakespeares, E. Harvey, A. McLuckie, J. Evans, T. Lobley
J. Harvey, W. Evans, Carroll, J. Houston, McCabe, G. Richardson
R. Minto, T. Collins

OUR BOYS (Plattsburg-Co-operative)

T. Wilkins, C. Ledbury, A. Wilson, A. Horne, T. Parkes, W. Jones,
C. Stothard, Wright, Ledbury, Stothard, Hancock, Johnston.
Wellen, Roddam, Billett, McLennan, Chalmers, Younger,
Whitton.

Broadmeadow Federals

G. Elliott, F. Deastill, D. Elliott, J. Cunningham, J. Arthur,
R. Embleton, J. Reay, J. Doyle, J. Anders, J. Viggers, R. Marchant,
J. Smith, J. Ryan, D. Bone, B. Lennard, T. Doyle, W. Gerrad, H. Gibson,
D. Gilpin, G. Richardson, J. Lindus, W. Myers, J. Sneddon,
H. Turnbull, George Nix, B. Boddy, F. Harris, J. Filby, J. Munchie.

Adamstown Shamrocks

T. Magill, T. Waite, D. Walker, A. Sidecamp, E. Lee, A. Roach, M. Roach,
J. Sparke J. Wall, G. Wilkinson, J. Gardner, W. Price, F. Magill,
J. Weatherburn, T. Robinson, W. Maxwell, A. Sharp, J. Wilson,
A. Hopton, C. Corrigan, W. Arthur, F. Dixon, W. Dixon, J. Woods,
D. Hill, C. Rouse, W. Jenkins, G. Russell, G. Edden, B. Beattie,
A. Beattie, A. Brown.

Patent Rollers

W. Fisher, W. Pollock, S. Hopton, B. Court, A. Bartley, E. Gilpin
R. McNamara, R. Cameron, W. Graham, G. Turnbull, J. Bullerwell,
S. Waugh, J. Thompson, H. Price

Wallsend Royals(3rd Grade)

Kemp, Wilson, Durie, Diver, Giles, Begbie, Davis, Lidbury, Dowson,
Hepplewhite, Hodges, Harrison, Roy, Pringle, Dobinson

Merewether Advance

S. McLeary, J. Pryde, W. Smith, C. Boughton, W. Vale, P. Hall, A. Elliott.
W. Wooley, A. Myers, R. Johnson, R. Sneddon, W. Sneddon, G. Jackson,
E. Buxton, R. Hughes, H. Powell, J. Summers, J. Phillips, G. Jummer,
A. Donalson, H. Hall, J. McLaren, W. Penman, J. Williams, J. Bell,
J. Johnson, D. Jones, G. Peate, B. Coulter, K. McGrimmond, W. Turnbull.

Wallsend Blossoms

J. Parkinson, J. Shaw, C. French, H. Hepplewhite, W. Peel, A. Lewis
W. Richardson, E. Williams, J. Tiplady, C. Parkes, Dave Hetherington,
G. Blacklock, H. Willis, G. Parkinson, W. Forrester, A. Richardson,
B. Maddison, J. Peters, J. Craig, R. Penman, E. Cough, W. Watkins
J. Nelson, N. Houston, S. Wells, Harry Richards, J. Johnstone, J. Hughes
J. Jackson, Jack Steele, Tommy Baird, Ernie Brimeades, A. Milburn,
J. Paterson, W. Reid, D. Stewart, H. Thompson, A. Taylor, Steve Saunders
W. Wilson.

Dudley

H. Brown, J. Brown, W. Jones, H. Spiers, N. Jones, J. Jones, J. Houston,
J. Brooks, G. Cooper, G. Russell, H. Taylor, J. Henderson, D. Foot,
G. Ashley, J. Summers, C. Clayton, T. Henwood, W. Dimmock, A. Brown,
J. Davis, A. Gallagher, J. Smiles, T. Evans, Jenkins, Blakey, Lynn.

Vanity Fair

Nelson, Nelson, Taaffe, Smith, Laverick, Jones Deal, Griffiths,
Bower, Beard, Williams, Nelson, Hall, Griffiths, Robertson.

Minmi Rangers

Williams, McBlane, McBlane, McBlane, Russell, Muir, Wells, Pate,
Needs, Rennix, Cummock, Oliver, Murdock, Murdock, Patrick, Bilbie,
Shepperd, Allen, J. Whitelaw, G. Newton, Renfrew, Pryor, Mullins,
Thompson, Waite, J. Merrion, Hill, Archibold, Davis, Davis.

Minmi Trilbys

J. Murnane, Fullick, James, Grant, Currie, Brown, Johns, Waite,
J. Winterbottom, Peel, Black, Davies, Oliver, Needs, Wotten

Hamilton(4th Grade)

Rodwell, Lloyd, Hughes, Carling, Purvis, Lynn, McNaughton,
Woolley, Kinder, Murphy, Hall, Price, Sharp, Bailey, Clayton, Roach,
Forrester, Picken, A. Thomas

Minmi Trilbys(4th Grade)

Hobson, J. McLeish, Scott Brown, McBlane, Knott, Plain, Hindman,
Banfield, Pryor, Oswald, Wells, Croft

Adamstown

Bartley, Harris, Harris, Harris, Bone, M. Bone, Beddow, A. Baldwin
J. George, Bush, Johns, Matthews, Jennings, Jennings, R. Elgey,
R. Wilson, T. Wilson, E. Wilson, A. Wilson, J. Wilson. Dempsey.
E. Sparke, J. Harrison, D. Waugh, W. Nichols, J. Watt, G. Turnbull,
C. George, R. Talbot, E. Talbot, W. Talbot, J. Blanch, C. Gardner,
T. Simmonds, R. Thomas, R. Hunt, G. Gillard, J. Gillard, A. Gillard,
D. Gillard, J. Cuthbert, W. Chapman, R. Robinson, J. Pollock, E. Moyle,
G. Weatherburn, M. O'Hagan, Kennedy, S. Lambert, J. Cooper, A. Cooper,
R. Tarrant, J. Jack, A. Gilpin, A. Trilby, J. Trilby, T. Johns,
R. McNamara, R. Martin, J. Adams, G. Lee, J. Brown, S. Nix, J. Maxwell,
D. Elliott, D. Bone, G. Elliott, D. Cameron, J. Hamilton, J. Finlayson,
F. Harris, S. Waugh, D. Gray, W. Rouse, J. Hamilton, Humphries,
D. Jackson, S. Harrison, Wishart, Sidencamp, D. Walker, E. Lee
G. Edden, S. Cope, F. Farmer, W. Dolling, E. Thompson, J. Greig
N. Edden.

East Greta (3rd Grade)

Downie, Coote, Jones, Cartwright, Cantwell, Coulton, Coulton,
Muir, Searston, Thompson, Dodd, Ralston, Parker, Sonny Hodge,
Garnet Hodge, Percy Hodge, Alec Hodge, Gemmel, Porter, E. Porter,
McDonald, Rosser, Lindsay, Scott, Hind, Stagg, Byrnes, Cook,
Tapp, Bunn, Lord, Nott, C. Senior, S. Senior, W. Inman.

Wallsend Royals (4th Grade)

Blair, Wilding, Wells, Irving, Hill, Murray, Wilson, Chapman, Corbett
Rees, Quayle, Bates, Dobinson, Barr, Fenwick, Vials, Lloyd,
Horne, Smurthwaite, Anderson, Kemp, Kemp, Turnbull.

1903 Season

Patron.W.Denton
 President.J.McCartney
 Secretary.R.Hood
 Treasurer.R.Harden

Vice Presidents.R.Brown,J.Estell,A.Edden(MP)D.Watkins(MHR)
 E.Blackburn,F.Williams,C.Price,Hudson,
 H.Denny,J.W.Ritchie,F.Harvey,J.Hill.

Two important innovations were introduced prior to the opening series:

- **That all teams play district football
- **That senior clubs have two votes,while junior clubs have one

A special committee draw up the district boundaries.

Wallsend & Plattsburg	Municipal Boundaries
West & Young Wallsend	One Area
Cardiff to Toronto	Teralba District
Catherine Hill Bay	One Area
Merewether & Glebe	One Area
Adamstown	One Area
Minmi	One Area

Fees set for Season

Senior Clubs	1.15.0
1st Junior clubs	1. 0.0
2nd Junior clubs	15.0
3rd junior clubs	10.0

Entries for the season were(Seniors)

Adamstown Rosebud,Merewether Advance,Wallsend Royals(2nd Juniors
 Our Boys,East Greta,Broadmeadow Federals,Minmi,Pelaw Main,
 Teralba,Rhondda,Wallsend Blossoms,West Wallsend Rebels.

3rd Juniors.

Dudley,Great Boulders,Merewether Advance,Rhondda Magpies,
 Wallsend Blossoms,Minmi Trilbys, WestWallsend Rebels

1903 Denton Cup	Adamstown Rosebud	Merewether Advance	Wallsend Royals	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	2-1	0-3	2
Merewether Advance	1-2	X	0-3	0
Wallsend Royals	3-0	3-0	X	4

In a limited Badge (Premiership)Series,Wallsend won the final
 against Adamstown 3x1,

The teams were

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Wallsend 3 v Adamstown Rosebuds 1
Final

A. Begbie	R" Brolgey" Elgey
A. Roy (Capt)	F. Bartley (Capt)
D. Jackson	J. Bullerwell
R. Brooks	J. Nix
C. Kemp	S. Haines
W. Harrison,	J. George
J. Wishart	F. Bush
R. Pridue	A. Wilson
H. Andrews	A. McNaughton
J. Miller	M. O'Hagan
J. Durie	F. Jennings

Referee. R. Harden

Ellis Cup

In the Ellis Cup, Adamstown and Merewether Advance qualified for the final. However, due to domestic trouble, Merewether Advance forfeited to Adamstown, who were then awarded the Cup and trophies.

Player Register

West Wallsend Rebels (3rd Grade)

Jack Stewart, Jim Stewart, A. Stewart, Adam Sneddon, Henry Burkett, Billy Burkett, Frank See, Jack Trentholme, Jim Chalmers, Joe Harden, Joe Campbell, Tommy Brennan, Tim Coates, W. Stewart, Charlie Trentholme.

Our Boys

Henry Stothard, Albert Davis, Tom Parkes, Bill Jones, George Smurthwaite, Adam Horne, Joe Blair, Chas Stothard, W. Evans, Dick Treay, Matt Pettigrew, Charlie Ledbury, Ted Parks, Pat White, T. Wilkie, T. Smurthwaite, W. Parkes, Theo Ledbury, Bill Stothard, Tommy Murnane, Wattie James, T. Grant, W. Hancock, (Secretary)

Pelaw Main (2nd Grade)

D. Jones, F. Dunn, J. Wilson, B. Fenny, C. Senior, T. Reece, J. Gilmore, J. Hanley, S. Dumblaton, E. Senior, C. Senior (Secretary)

Rhondda (2nd Grade)

W. Jones, J. Jones, W. Cunningham, V. Rickettes, J. Sneddon, W. Neal, J. McPhee, T. Smith, R. Belford, J. Frew, R. Johnson, H. Radley, G. Hopson, T. Younger, T. Woods, H. Brown, M. Roach, L. Dixon, T. Magill, W. Edden.

Teralba (2nd Grade)

C. Jepson, W. Jepson, W. Ashman, J. Stubbs, A. Cherry, J. O'Brien, H. Irwin, W. Hughes, R. Rodgers, R. Rodgers, W. Treay, W. Smith, F. Barnett, J. Rice, J. Roberts, R. Cooper, Hodges, H. Paate, F. O'Brien, W. Hart, W. ODY, H. Hodges.

Wallsend Blossoms (3rd Grade)

C. Parker, H. Brummel, R. Houston, A. Arkley, W. Hughes, H. Lindsay, C. Jobling, John Craig, Bill Race, W. Herd, Albert Harrison, G. Wilson, T. Cadman, T. Robertson, S. Wills, D. Bower, S. Stewart (Secretary)

Adamstown(3rd Grade)

F. Elgey, D. Gillard, W. Turnbull, T. Watson, B. Lunn, A. Easton,
J. Headly, W. Simmons, S. Bartley, A. Hopton, L. Date, A. Hure, W. Bone
H. Geatchers, G. Campbell.

Wallsend Great Boulders(3rd Grade)

H. Bower, W. Moore, E. Jones, R. Morgan, J. Patrick, W. Shaw, W. Taylor,
W. Paterson, J. Morgan, W. Todd, H. Hancock, R. Parkinson, S. Williams,
J. Conn, W. Watkins, A. Punton, J. Richards, R. Parkinson,
W. Taylor(Secretary)Pittown Wallsend)

Wallsend Blossoms

D. Bower, T. Bower, T. Gough, J. Shaw, T. Baird, W. Maxwell, T. Robson,
A. Taylor, W. Paterson, J. Paterson, J. Rennix, T. Cadman, W. Wilson,
H. Hepplewhite, J. Hughes, W. Parkinson, J. Tiplady, J. Jackson,
R. Diver, J. Davis, D. Tulip, J. Archibold, J. Hodges,
T. Gough(Secretary)Pittown Wallsend.

Dudley

Hicking, J. Russell, J. Flemming, J. Brown, J. Henderson, G. Cooper.
J. Hodge, G. Hodge, D. Hodge, E. Williams, Gibbs, J. Brooks, W. Jones,
J. Jones, J. Houston, A. Callaghan, E. Conners, J. Kelly

Wallsend Royals

G. Headly, J. Robinson, D. Maunder, C. Bonnor, W. Teasdale, Green
J. Durie, L. Dowson, R. Blair, A. Roy, R. Tate, W. Giles, J. Corbett,
A. Begbie, J. Kemp, J. Wishart, W. Harrison, D. Jackson, D. Brooks,
J. Miller, L. Leckie.

Merewether Advance(3rd Grade)

F. Sandy, Faulds, George Brown, D. Duff, S. Jones, R. Twist, H. Bell,
T. Stallard, A. Wright, J. Smith, W. Adamswaite, D. McLaughlan,
J. Stewart, B. Paterson, N.M. Phillips, R. Paul, H. Helighope.

Merewether Advance(Seniors)

H. Hall, W. Pond, J. Phillips, A. McLeary, C. Tighn, B. Huggs, D. Kinder,
W. Sharp, George Johnson, A. Donaldson, B. Turnbull,
Matt Craig, Tommy Phillips, J. Peters, Cat Wilson, J. Mitchell,
B. Hall, J. Galbraith, George Jones, Harrison, Knox, J. Pryde,
L. Senior, S. Jennings, S. McLeary, (Secretary Macquarie ST)

West Wallsend Rebels

W. Mitchell, T. Richardson, G. Beatty, S. Paker, A. Horne, W. Stewart
S. Parkes, J. Brennan, T. Hodge, H. Forde, L. Lee, S. Richardson,
W. Jones, T. Jones, A. Proudlock, W. Parkes, S. Lewis, P. Earl.

Broadmeadow Federals(2nd Grade)

J. Morris, R. Robinson, H. Robinson, C. Lilly, J. Price, R. Batey,
J. Andrews, G. Andrews, R. Boody, W. Maher, G. Matich, P. Fallins,
W. Murchie, T. Doyle, R. Cairns, H. Gerrard(Secretary West Hamilton.

East Greta(2nd Grade)

J. Smith, W. Smith, M. Cook, J. Cook, R. Coulton, J. Lord, W. Lindsay,
E. Wind, H. Jowett, W. Jowett, Hodges, C. Stagg, P. Porter, A. Porter
A. Lavender, C. Cartwright, C. Bunn, G. Rosser, J. Ballard, W. Kenman,
T. Cantwell(Secretary)

Adamstown Rosebud(1st Grade)

D. Gillard, H. Shipley, J. George, T. Watson, D. Lunn, R. Elgey
 F. Elgey, W. Harris, W. Fisher, W. Turnbull, N. Easton, S. Harris
 L. Date, R. Cameron, A. Hopton, J. Watt, S. Bartley, J. Hedley,
 F. Jennings, F. Bartley, M. O'Hagan, J. Bush, W. Jennings, S. Hure,
 W. Wilmott, W. Waugh, N. Lynch, D. Wilson, A. Sneddon, J. Bird,
 K. Smith, H. Dobson, W. Bone, T. Cook, J. Lunn, M. Turnbull, N. Sparke,
 G. Campbell, J. Bone, J. Harrison, T. Harrison, D. Harris,
 R. Talbot Woolley, J. Maxwell, J. Nix, A. McNaughton.
 W. Fisher(Secretary)

Merewether Advance.

A. Elliott, W. Smith, T. Donaldson, J. McGhee, C. Punton, P. Jackson,
 P. Hall, W. Sneddon, R. Sneddon, C. Broughton, R. Johnstone, J. Pryde,
 S. Marchant, J. Bell, W. Mullbain, J. Jones, C. Headly, J. Bishop,
 J. Prior, B. Johnston, D. Cherry, F. Fenwick, J. Phillip ,
 J. Sourby, A. Elliott, S. Jennings, B. Flemming, J. Sneddon
 M. Sneddon, R. Davis.

PELAW MAIN

A major trek of miners from the Newcastle fields to Pelaw Main where hundreds of unemployed miners found work at Pelaw Main and Stanford Merthyr collieries which both enjoyed rapid development.

Pelaw Main Soccer Club was formed in March, 1903 when the inaugural meeting was held on a vacant block of land near Gillon's General Store. Officials elected were — President, J. Hanlon; Secretary, Clyde Senior; Treasurer, J. Wilson.

Colours adopted were white shirt with 3-inch red sash.

Playing members were enrolled at two shillings and others at one shilling. A Ladies' Committee was formed and plans made to secure a playing strip.

Working bees prepared the ground which was situated close to the Public School, which had been opened a few months earlier. The following players were registered: D. Jones, F. Dunn, J. Wilson, B. Finny, Clyde Senior, Cyril Senior, Sid Senior, T. Rees, J. Gilmore, J. Hanley, S. Dumbieton.

Playing in the second grade, the team opened its home programme by playing a 1 all draw against Our Boys. J. Wilson scored the locals' goal. Other matches were v Rhondda (lost 1-2), Teralba (won 2-1), Broadmeadow Federals (draw 1-1), East Greta (draw 2 all), Trilbys (lost 0-1).

Before the 1904 season opened, the ground had been enlarged to 100 yards in length by 70 yards in width. Drainage at both goal ends was improved.

Club colours were changed to white shirt with 3-inch yellow strip.

Registered players were J. Manning, J. Morrison, T. Harris, C. Senior, F. Chappell, Sid Senior, T. Jones, J. Henderson, G. Promage, T. Armstrong, A. King, A. Whan, Cyril Senior, G. Turnbull, P. Stone, S. Waugh, J. Dyson, J. Ballard, W. Neil, W. Jones, J. Johnson, W. Turnbull. The founding of clubs at nearby Kurri Kurri created much local rivalry. At times there was a constant interchange of players.

Results of matches played in 1904 were — Lost 2-0 v Heddon Greta at Pelaw Main; drew Teralba 1 all at Teralba; lost 1-0 v Broad-

meadow at Pelaw Main; drew 1 all v Shamrocks at Pelaw Main; drew 2 all v Kurri Kurri at Kurri Kurri.

Broadmeadow ran out medal winners by beating Pelaw Main in final by 1 to 0. However, after years of mediocre success, honours went to the mining centre in the 1907 season. The Newcastle controllers decided to abandon their senior competition and substitute an All Aged Premiership as only three senior clubs entered.

The main aim of the executive was to create pockets of interest from which future senior teams would develop.

Ten teams entered — Adamstown Rosebuds, Broadmeadow Royal Arthur, Cessnock, East Greta, Pelaw Main, Wallsend Rovers, Wallsend Royals, West Wallsend and Weston — four from the developing Maitland Coalfield pleased the organisers. At the end of the series, Pelaw Main (leaders) and Wallsend Royals (runners-up) met in the final at the Broadmeadow Showground.

It was an excellent game with the scores 2 all at 90 minutes. However, in the extra time period, Pelaw Main excelled to win by 4 to 2 to take the first major soccer trophy to the Coalfields. The winning eleven comprised (red shirts with green braces) — Bondi Neal, A. Wilson, J. Hodges, J. Morrison, D. Jones, W. Jones, T. Crowley, J. Crowley, J. Davies, D. Shepherd, W. Mackay.

Scorers for Pelaw Main were: Davies (2), Shepherd (1), W. Jones (1).

A trade depression and the long coal strike of 1909 sent the club into recess. Many of its star players joined the nearby Kurri Kurri and Weston clubs.

However, in 1916, a strong junior club sprung up to cater for local players. This soon produced a crop of experienced performers.

Interest in the game grew and in 1918 Pelaw Main entered the S.M. Senior Grade. Under the astute coaching of a former overseas player, J. Curley was readily welcomed and the team's display soon revealed an attractive pattern of play not seen before.

The public welcomed this as the war years had cut off all sporting entertainment. As the season developed, the crowd grew in numbers. By the end of August it was apparent that the two "Mains", Abermain and Pelaw Main, were headed for the final.

In mid-September these two old rivals clashed for the medals at the Homestead. The crowd, which was very vocal and partisan, numbered 2000. Three encroachments by excited spectators caused the referee to stop play on several occasions. Fortunes ebbed and flowed for over an hour and the result lay in the balance. A strong assault by Abermain saw a long clearance by Yates put his team on the attack. A stray ball 20 yards out fell at Curley's feet and he quickly netted the vital goal. In the next 15 minutes each team scored.

In the dying stages, "Washer" Brown made two daring saves and final scores ended at 2 to 1 in Pelaw Main's favour.

The scenes which followed the final whistle are still vividly recalled by old-timers.

Even the calm Councillor Jim Butler ordered Georgie Muir "to take the team to the Empire for a pint of biter and put it on my account".

Never were refreshments more worthily won.

Even the three short blasts of the Pelaw Main pit whistle at 5 pm on that eventful Saturday brought the glad tidings to the mere handful of "stay-at-homes". The winning team consisted of: "Washer" Brown, Stan Davidson, "Buck" Yates, Sid Oliver, "Yacum" Peters, Roy Burns, Jack Curley, Pet Lennard, Jack Hill, Geordie Muir, Jack Bower.

Let's pass on to season 1926, when Pelaw Main and Weston thrilled a crowd of 1200 in the Reserve Grade final. When 90 minutes were up the scores were 3 all. In extra time, winger Jim Bellamy crashed in the winner after making a solo run of 40 yards. The teams in that match were:—

Pelaw Main: A. Browning, T. Ridley, L. Rees, B. Scott, W. Allen, J. Nicholls, A. Rees, J. Stewart, B. Hinman, F. Paterson, S. Hawke.

Weston: Turner, Butler, Smith, Rogerson, E. Williams, J. Paterson, J. Bellamy, Tait, Bryce, J. Williams, J. Marcott.

Scorers were: P.M. S. Hawke 2, Hinman 1. Weston J. Bellamy 3, Bryce 1.

Pelaw Main had another glorious year again in 1928 — year when State League kicked off.

A much better trained senior side turned out many fine wins in a series, with Bellbird and Pelaw Main clashing in the final at Homestead.

Bellbird was a clear-cut favourite as their centre Jock Pettigrew, a professional from Armidale (Scotland) had netted 29 goals for the "Blues" — while Bill Price (20) and Blue Hinman (17) for the "Mains" during the season. The later defence of "Fido" Stewart, George Peel, Peter Simons, Mick Allen and Ellis Reid played to a set pattern and blocked Pettigrew out of the match. The only goal was scored by Jackie Stewart, late in the second half, to give P.M. the medals and Cup.

The team comprised: J. Nichols, W. Stewart, G. Peel, P. Simons, E. Reid, S. Oliver, J. Stewart, S. Kidd, J. Hinman, W. Price, Jim Gibson, M. Allen, Curly Robinson, Mat Last, Tom Bell, Sam White, Jim Bain, T. Bruce — all appearing during the series.

A new ground with a first class playing surface was built and fenced along Hebburn Street. To honour such an achievement the

N.D.B.F.A. staged the Reserve Grade final there, when Kurri Kurri defeated Wallsend by 3 to 1. The gate receipts were £90, with free admission for ladies and children.

At the end, Councillor Jim Butler presented the Harvey and Middleton Cups to Kurri's skipper, Sol Jenkins. Since that event the club has produced many soccer stars who joined other clubs. To mention a few — Hughie Workman, Dave Nesbitt, Johnny Barr, Herb Barr and others. George Muir also excelled at cricket, iron quoits and was quite a success as a cornerman in the Vaudeville set-up — a really popular personality.



PELAW MAIN HEROES

George Muir, Roy Burns, Jack Peters, Sid Oliver

1904 Season.

Patron.W.Denton

Presidents.R.Harden & J.McCartney

Secretary.R.Hood

Treasurer.W.Waugh

Council.P.Strachan,W.S.Galloway,J.Duguid,E.Bartley

R.Stevenson,J.Pettigrew.

Chairman of Meetings.R.Tait.

Ellis Cup Results

Round.1.Wallsend Royals 3 v Broadmeadow Federals 2
 West Wallsend 2 v Minmi Rangers 1
 Adamstown "Bud" 1 v Merewether Advance 0
 Pelaw Main(Bye)

Semi Finals

West Wallsend 3 v Wallsend Royals 2
 Pelaw Main v Adamstown(Not Played)

**Would you please note.

The management committee decided to accept entries from 2nd grade clubs for the Ellis Cup this year. This resulted in seven entries with the three lower grades and they were Minmi,Pelaw Main and Broadmeadow. Pelaw Main was from the South Maitland Coalfields,where six new collieries had openedfor production, In the first semi final,West Wallsend knocked out Wallsend Royals 3x2. Pelaw Main was drawn at home to Adamstown Rosebud,but Adamstown asked twice for a postponement. After prolonged discussion,the NDBFA, Agreed that the Ellis Cup be abandoned for the year and the trophy was not awarded for 1904.

Denton Cup Results

1904 Denton Cup	Adamstown Rosebud	M'wether Advance	Wallsend Royals	West Wallsend	P	W	L	D	F	A	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	1-0	2-2	1-3	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
M'wether Advance	0-1	X	2-0	0-1	3	1	2	0	3	2	2
Wallsend Royals	2-2	0-2	X	2-1	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
West Wallsend	3-1	1-0	1-2	X	3	2	1	0	5	3	4

Club entries for the season were(Seniors)

Adamstown,Merewether Advance,Wallsend Rovers, and West Wallsend Bluebells.

First Juniors

Broadmeadow,Heddon Greta,Kurri Kurri,Pelaw Main, Adamstown Shamrocks,and Teralba.

2nd Juniors.
Adamstown, Wallsend Boulders, Broadmeadow, Catherine Hill Bay,
Merewether Adyance, Wallsend Royals, Wallsend(B)
and West Wallsend.

3rd Juniors
Kurri Kurri, Wallsend Royals, Teralba, West Wallsend and
Windy Creek(Wine-dee Creek)

Representative Match

Of major importance was the staging at West Wallsend
of the annual Inter-City game.
The north fielded a very strong and representative side,
which won by 5x0 Gate takings were over 50 pounds.
The NOrthern team was
Bob Elgey, E. Bartley, A. Muir, R. Harden (Capt) D. Maunder,
W. Teasdale, R. Leckie, J. Robertson, H. Andrews, J. Wishart,
J. George.
In the return match the Southerners avenged their first
match defeat by winning 2x0.

First International Tour.

The records show that the first team to leave Australia
was in 1904. The team was made up of all NSW players,
SIMPLY because the Victorian and Queensland States
rejected the NSW Association's invitation to make a
combined States tour to New Zealand.
The tourists left Sydney on the steamer "Marora" on the
2nd June, 1904.
The pioneer team comprised Thomas Spencer, William Thorpe,
Albert Moore, Syd Condon, Perce Timmins, Con Harrison,
Frank Waddell, Percy Matcalfe, William Carey, Syd Hilder,
Andrew McMahon, Andrew Rae, Robert Byers, J. H. Wishart of
Wallsend. The captain and manager of the team was
Fred Robinson. Ten of the 15 players were Australian born.
Mr Ned Maher accompanied the team at his own expence.
The tour details were.

NSW 1 v North Island	1
NSW 3 v Auckland	2
NSW 1 v Wellington	2
NSW 6 v Canterbury	1
NSW 2 v Otago	4
NSW 8 v South Island	0
NSW 1 v New Zealand	0
NSW 4 v Timora	0
nsw 3 v New Zealand	3

Upon the return to Australia the tourists defeated the
Rest of NSW 3x1.



1904 New Zealand Representative Team
Back Row. R. Riley, H. Morrison, A. Clapham, A. Stark,
Middle Row. W. J. Taylor, R. Farquharson, D. McMillan (Capt)
L. White, P. Smallbone,
Front Row. W. Kilgour, W. Morrison

Formation of Kurri Kurri

The Kurri Kurri Club was formed March 1904 on the Vacant land opposite the Empire Hotel.

Mr. Thomas Kirkwood was elected as Secretary. The Ground was Central Park.

The Registered Players were

H. Turnbull, J. Turnbull, J. Brown, T. Jeffries, T. Harris, A. Smith, E. Hancock, A. Roach, T. Peters, A. Elliott, E. Newey, C. Simpson, J. Gilmour, B. Charlton, S. Phoenix, M. Wilson, J. Peters, A. Ross, J. Ballard, H. Williamson, G. Petridge.

Kurri Kurri Rivals.

W. Jones, T. Kirkwood, M. Lobbey, J. Scott, B. Chapple, S. Banford, S. Peters, C. Pearce, W. Wilkes, J. Oglethorpe, C. Turnbull, J. Sawyers, J. Robertson, A. Chiarelli, J. Cowley, F. Lewis, G. Brown, F. D. Jones, V. O'Donnell, D. Baird, H. Stotthard, J. Blair, W. Oglethorpe.

The First match Kurri Kurri 0 v Broadmeadow 3.

**Mostly clubs had a separate secretary and name for each team in their clubs, "This will be seen regulary in many clubs.

It was fourteen years after Professor Edgeworth David made his sensational discovery of coal at Swamp Creek near Abermain that there were marks of real development in that area, later known as the South Maitland Coalfields.

Mines were opened at South Greta, East Greta, Heddon Greta, Stanford Merthyr and Pelaw Main.

Small settlements near the pit tops sprang up, but there was soon a demand for a planned township.

The State Legislature realized this and a Special Committee was set up and with the help of the Lands Department developmental work soon took place.

An army of surveyors chose the site of Kurri Kurri—about 11 miles to the west of Heddon Greta.

The name of Kurri Kurri was an apt one. It was a purely aboriginal one with the meaning—"in the beginning"—the very first—or "Genesis."

The word appears to have had some association with the important aboriginal ceremony of Bora—or man making ceremony.

It has been authoratively stated that a Bora ground was located just behind the site of the Hall in Victoria Street.

The planning and naming of the streets was a big job in 1902 when pressure in the State Parliament caused the matter to be given high priority.

The naming of streets reflects the period as many have direct association with—

- (i) Coronation of King Edward VII.
- (ii) Coming of Federation.
- (iii) South African War.

In the first group comes Coronation, Edward, Victoria, Alexandra, while Rawson, Barton, Deakin and Gillies have bearing on Federation which became an established part in 1901. The area Spion Kop brings back memories of a vital battle in the Boer War.

Then others have local colouring. Railway, Stanford, Heddon, Merthyr, Greta, Maitland, Mulbring.

Early proposal was that Rawson Street would be the main thoroughfare because of the even grade and nearness to the proposed railway centre.

However the construction of the traffic bridge at Heddon Greta and the Weston to Cessnock road saw the general usage of Cessnock.

It is interesting to note that Cessnock Street later became Lang Street in honour of the State Premier who visited Kurri during his

Four years experts praised the efficient planning of the township with its wide streets and its regular laneways.

It has been claimed that it was the first town in this State built under modern town planning.

Football In Kurri Kurri

The town of Kurri Kurri was established in 1904, and it would be no exaggeration to state that while half the population was busy building a town, the other half were busy belting the hell out of a football.

Life on the early coalfields had two interests, and both stemmed from the origins of the early settlers. The winning of coal from the area's mines was only slightly more important than winning the weekly football matches against the neighbouring towns. Rivalry between the small settlements was high, and each had its local heroes, who were more well known (and in most instances, respected) than the mine bosses.

In the early days, Football in Kurri Kurri was played on a ground in the centre of town, which later became known as the "Drill Hall Ground", and was where the Osti factory now stands. There is no doubt that the central situation of the ground, and its proximity to local hostels had a lot to do with the popularity of the sport insofar as the general public was concerned. It is a fact that, when the Club obtained the use of Gould Park, near the railway station, John Citizen (unless truly dedicated) GENERALLY found the one mile walk to and from the ground to the hotels just a little bit too far. Accordingly, attendances slackened, and the fanatic interest exhibited in the beginning waned.

The dedicated, however, remained, and through their efforts, Kurri Kurri became the first Northern NSW Club to become semi-professional.

The club was a foundation member of the first State League, and was runners-up in the State Premiership in 1929. The Stevenson Cup came to Kurri Kurri on four occasions—1923, 1928, 1943, and 1944.

Football at senior level gradually died out in Kurri Kurri in the 1950's but the code was maintained at junior level. The revival began in 1968 when two teams were entered in an Amateur League competition, and in 1974, when the Northern NSW Federation called application for Third Division competition.

Kurri Kurri was one of the first applicants. 1975.6.7 was a period of consolidation and growth under the coaching of the former Australian player, Johnny Barr. Kurri Kurri began its long climb on the road back to the top. In 1978 under the coaching of Bogdan Duma, Kurri Kurri won promotion to second division.

As if to celebrate both its promotion and its 75th birthday, the club took over a new ground, Birralee Park, off Haddon Street, the ground having been established through Government and Council assistance to the tune of over \$80,000 and today there is no finer playing surface in any area, it also has a fine Athletic track around the playing area.

We can look forward to the future with the population growth that Kurri Kurri will return to the top divisions in the new century.

HEDDON GRETA

The Heddon Greta Club was founded in March, 1904 at a meeting near Pike's Saw Mill.

There was a deputation from East Greta and their application for membership was received.

There were 42 at the meeting and officials elected were: President, J. Cantwell; Secretary, Joe Hodges, Treasurer, J. Dunne.

Colours chosen were white shirt with black ribbon.

It was reported that new clubs had been formed at Pelaw Main and at Kurri Kurri.

A working bee was formed to extend the practice area near the Heddon Greta Hotel on the north side of the Maitland Road.

Players registered included: E. Cox, C. Picken, J. Hodges, M. Cook, E. Picken, J. Jones, T. Smith, F. Williams, R. Young, J. Lord, J. Nasen, N. Barker, J. Allen, F. Blumer, J. Dunne.

The opening match, Heddon Greta v Kurri Kurri, proved a real local derby. Heddon won by 4 to 2 after being in arrears by 2 to 1 at half-time. Chris Picken and Ned Cox were outstanding for the locals while J. Peters, H. Turnbull and P. Charlton excelled for Kurri.

Two weeks later an unexpected crowd of 400 packed the sidelines to see Pelaw Main and Heddon play a 2 all draw. Pelaw Main's goalie, Bondi Neil stopped two penalties. Thrice the referee, Harry Speers of Dudley, held up play as spectators crowded the visitors' goalmouth while stones were aimed at the 'keeper. Play became heated in the final 20 minutes and fights broke out among partisan fans. Player Chris Picken, also a first grade Rugby star, remarked, "I was glad to hear the final whistle."

Strange but true, referee Speers was cheered by both teams and many of the crowd.

Years later, when living at Kurri Kurri, Harry remarked — "Yes, the strangest game I ever refereed. I gave a penalty to each side but when Neil fisted Picken's drive over the bar pandemonium broke forth."

But "at the tasty banquet after the match we were all good friends," concluded Harry Speers.

In 1906, the Heddon Rocks entered a strong combination in the 3rd grade. Secretary Joe Hodges enrolled quite a few "outsiders" to strengthen the locals.

Despite its apparent strength the team only achieved moderate success as its away record was poor.

Among the registered players were: Wes Williams, Bert Oglethorpe, Bill Morgan, R. Hume, Arch Lewis, Tom Doyle, C. Younger, Ted Jackson, Jim Sneddon, G. Oakley, R. Squires, R. Robson, Geo. Muir, Bill Yates, Sam Yates. But the club only lasted three seasons. The local mine was closed permanently after a series of serious gas fires made it unsafe for working. Many of the soccer players moved to other centres in search of permanent employment.

1905 Season

Patron.W.Denton

President.John McCartney

Secretary.Bob Stevenson

Treasurer.W.Waugh

Vice Presidents. John Fegan(MLA)John Estell(MLA)
 Dave Watkins(MHR)Alf Edden(MLA)H.J.Denny,
 Louis Twist,Ed Blackburn.

Full Council.E.Buxton,A.Bailey,W.Barr,John Wilson,
 James Wilson,Peter Myers,Harry Andrews
 Alec Roy,C.Faith,E.Weatherburn,J.D.Hamilton.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Australia Hotel, Broadmeadow and proved to be a very vital meeting. A record number of clubs were represented and much criticism was levelled at the loose manner in which the competition had been run. This led to the election of a new executive.

A big item of discussion at the AGM was the proposed tour by a New Zealand team Newcastle requested, and was granted, two matches by the State authorities. The Newcastle selectors agreed to stage a trial game at Merewether in late May.

The trial teams were

A Team

Bob Elgey

J.Doyle

Bartley

Jennings

J.Pryde

J.Watt

Seidencamp

Sneddon

T.Needs

Dowson

Moore

Reserves for both teams were

Grant,Lewis,Oliver.

B.Team

Bailey

Muir

F.Lackie

A.Roy

Maxwell

W.Teasdale

J.George

A.McNaughton

H.Andrews

R.Lackie

Wishart

The following players were selected to go to Sydney and trial for the State team.
 R.Elgey,F.Bartley,J.Doyle,J.Pryde,J.Wall,A.Roy,R.Lackie,
 A.McNaughton,H.Andrews,J.George,W.Maxwell

1905 Ellis Cup	Adamstown Rosebud	Adamstown BIX	Merewether Advance	Adamstown Shamrocks	Wallsend Rovers	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	4-3	4-1	1-1	2-0	6-0	9
Adamstown BIX	3-4	X	0-1	1-3	1-0	2-2	3
Merewether Advance	1-4	1-0	X	0-2	2-1	0-3	4
Adamstown Shamrocks	1-1	3-1	2-0	X	1-0	2-6	7
Wallsend Rovers	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	X	0-7	0
West Wallsend	0-6	2-2	3-0	6-2	7-0	X	7

On the 1st. June, in the 1st. round of six 10s, the top four qualified for the 1st. round. In the semi-finals Adamstown defeated Werewether 3-1, while Adamstown Shamrocks caused a major upset by putting paid to West Wallsend 3-1.

The all Adamstown final made an unprecedented appeal to the public as fierce rivalry erupted bordering on bitterness as does Glasgow, Rangers and Celtic. Some 1500 spectators turned out to witness Adamstown Rosebud showing far to much speed and experience for the Shamrocks, winning 7-3.



Back row	T Jennings (Trn), F Rushton (Linesman), R Matthews (Chairman), W Davis (V-Pres)
3rd row	J Pollock (Treas), J Hall (V-Pres), W Ambler (V-Pres), R B Talbot (Pres), A Edden (MLA & Patron), S Powell (V-Pres), D Filby (V-Pres), J Roddom
2nd row	J D Hamilton (Sec), F Egey, Watt, J Nix, K R Egey (Capt), J Dowie, F Jennings, W Harris, R Lord (Mgr)
Front row	M O'Hagan, W Maxwell, W F Hamilton, G Russell, E Clarke, D Russell
Absent	F Lyle, J Thompson, J Bone

1905 Adamstown Rosebud Ellis Cup winners

Lower Grades Results

The entries were

First Juniors

Catherine Hill Bay, Werewether Advance, West Wallsend, Minmi Rangers, and Wallsend Royals.

Minmi Rangers - v Werewether Advance 2 in the Final

2nd Juniors.

Holmesville Stars, Minmi Rangers, Terrilba, West Wallsend, wallsend Boulders, Wallsend Royals.

The wallsend Royals 5 defeated wallsend Boulders 4 in the final.

3rd Juniors

Holmesville Stars, Merewether Advance, Minmi Rooks, Minmi Trailbys, Wallarah, West Wallsend.

Merewether Advance 4 defeated West Wallsend 2 in Final.

1905

New Zealand Tour Australia.

Manager. Mr. Mayer

M. Fitzgerald, E. Newman, Clapham, Forrest, W. Taylor, G. Middlesmas,
Brown, Bissett, W. Foreshaw, M. Chadwick, W. Mawson, J. Harrison,
D. Jones, F. Usher, Morrison.

New Zealand played 11 matches on tour.

Won 5

Lost 4

Drew 2

Goals For 36, Against 27.

New South Wales

4 v New Zealand 6

T. Spencer (Pymont)

J. Christie (Glebe)

A. McMahon (glebe)

R. Byers (Rozelle)

J. Richards (Pymont)

P. Timms (Pymont)

Tolhurst (South Coast)

A "Bert" Moore (Sydney)

Andrews (Andrews (Adamstown))

W. Carey (Pymont)

A. Rae (Helensburgh)

Referee John Thompson

New South Wales

1 v New Zealand 1

Bob "Brolgey" Elgey (Adamstown)

J. Christie (Glebe) Sydney)

J. Doyle (Adamstown)

S. Hilder (Glebe) Sydney)

C. Harrison (Sydney)

Tolhurst (South Coast)

Neate (South Coast)

J. Hallon (Sydney)

W. Carey (Pymont)

Albert Moore (Sydney)

A. Rae (Helensburg)

New Zealand tours

Two matches were played in Newcastle; the first on July 4th, with New Zealand winning 5x4.

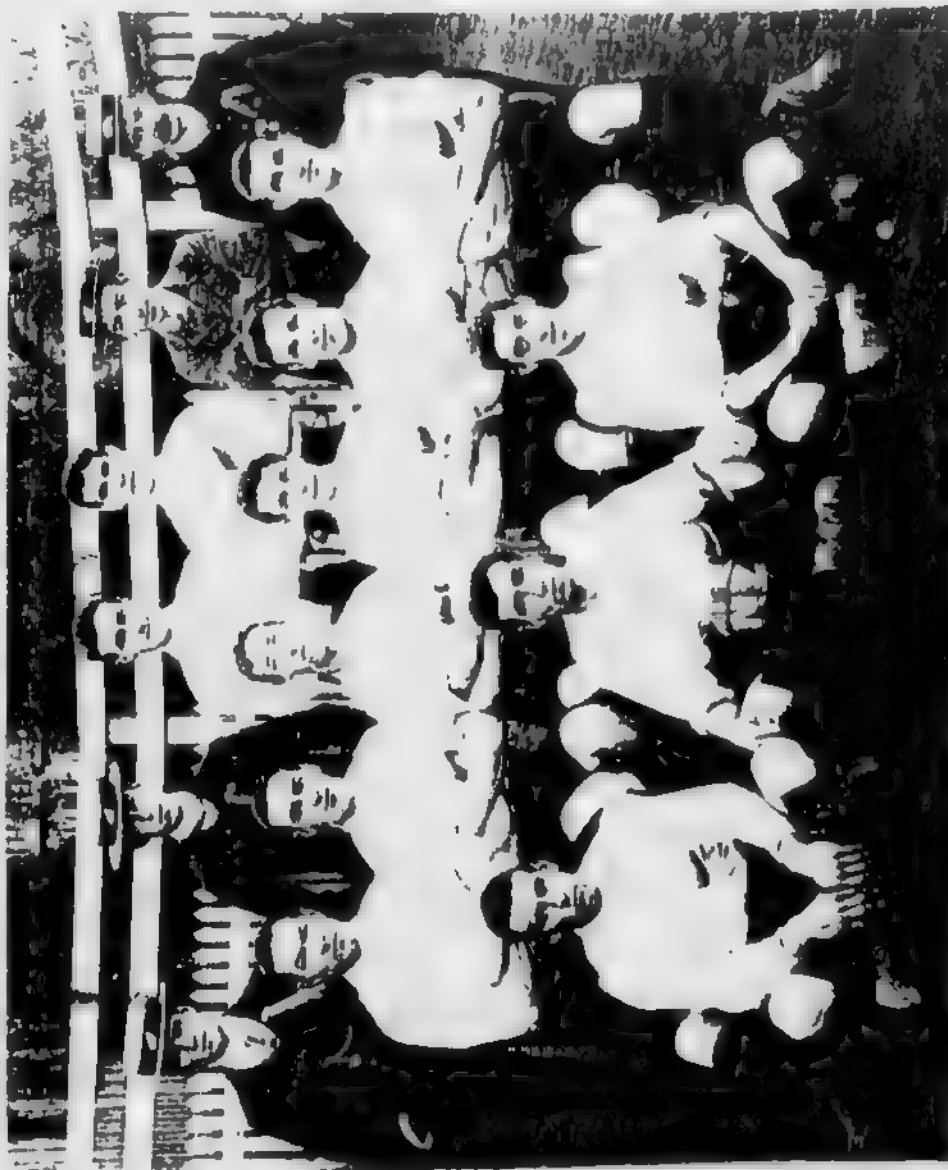
Newcastle	4 v New Zealand	5
R"Broilgey"Elgey		
F.Bartley		
J.Doyle,		
J.Muir		
F.Jennings		
J.Watts,		
W.Maxwell		
R.Lackie(1)		
H.Andrews		
J.George(1)		
A.McNaughton(2)		

The return match was played two days later at Newcastle Showground, where the visitors again won by the barest of Margins.

Newcastle	v New Zealand
Bob"Broilgey"Elgey	
J.Muir	
J.Doyle	
F.Jennings	
J.Watts	
J.Pryde	
R.Lackie	
W.Maxwell	
A.McNaughton	
J.George	
H.Wishart.	

New South Wales	2 v New Zealand	0
Bob"Broilgey"Elgey(Adamstown)		
J.Christie(Glebe)Sydney)		
J.Doyle(Adamstown)		
R.Byers(Rozelle)		
S.Hilder(Glebe)Sydney)		
C.Harrison(Sydney)		
Tolhurst(South Coast)		
Neate(South Coast)		
J.Hallon(Sydney)		
W.Carey(Pymont)		
A.Rae(Helensburg)		

Referee Mr.C.Harvey (Navy)



Presidents The 1905 New Zealand soccer team who went to New South Wales. The first national Association side. L. K. H. S. shows

Player Register

Merewether Advance(1st Grade)

J. Smith, R. Twist, D. Gillard, A. Faulds, H. Bell, T. Bell, A. Young,
G. Brown, A. O'Neill, M. Jones, P. Fairhall, J. Hall, G. Campbell,
G. F. Magill, Matt Craig, W. Turnbull, B. Hall, G. Johnson,
J. Phillips, J. Hall, Allworth, (Secretary)

Merewether Advance(2nd Grade)

J. Fairhall, D. Williams, F. Adamsthwaite, H. Dauvers, J. Powell,
R. Johnson, R. McLeary, J. Greenwood, H. Robson, B. Johns,
J. Dever, J. Searle, J. Buxton, A. Fairhall, A. Price, A. Lovall
C. Thompson, E. Firth

Holmesville Stars(2nd Grade) Black & Gold

M. Jones, R. Everson, A. L. Kime, A. Sneddon, W. Beale, T. Beale,
G. Gray, W. Gray, J. Trentholme, J. Flemming, T. McBlane,
W. Heeney, G. Heeney, George Hilditch, S. Murray, W. Armstrong
W. McClush, N. McClush, Eli Faith, T. Shephard, W. Anderson,
C. Lawrence, R. Howell, W. Arthur, J. Lewis, C. Edwards, W. Allan
Jerry Sneddon, M. O'Hagan

Teralba(2nd Grade)

A. Barnes, J. Stubbs, A. Cherry, T. O'Brien, H. Wilkinson, W. Steel
T. Dumbleton, J. Coates, P. Japson, T. Wilkinson, W. Outram,
J. Rodgers, J. McAlpine, F. Potter, J. Goodall, E. Japson,
J. Peel, A. Frew, J. Frew J. Wilson

Wallsend Boulders(White-Blue Band)

W. Wardle, W. Frew, G. Maddison, J. Crowley, T. Crowley, J. Wardle,
E. Parkes, T. Parkes, A. Davies, J. Bowling, A. Arkley, R. Parkinson,
W. Pettigrew, J. Richardson, A. Richardson, B. Robson,
A. Gibson, E. Williams, W. Thomas, C. Wilson, C. Jobling, J. Craig
W. Hancock, D. Bower, W. Moore.
A. E. Gibson(Secretary)Whitton St. Wallsend)

Wallarrah(1st Team)White-Black Sash)

G. Hill, J. Outram, J. Green, J. Belford, J. Archibold
J. Parsons, S. Outram, P. McLaughlan, James Davies,
G. Anderson, J. Peacock, A. Johnson, R. Henderson,
J. Meredith, M. Hamilton, H. Campbell.

Wallsend Rovers(Red, with Gold Sash)

Jackson, Roy, Andrews, J. Wishart, Durie, Blair, Kemp, Dowson,
Shaw, Hepplewhite, Evans, Tate, Baird.

West Wallsend(1st Grade)(Light Blue)

Jackson, A. Muir, W. Teasdale, J. Maunder, J. Robertson, J. Curran
R. Leckie, T. Brennan, J. Stewart, W. Stewart, J. Harden, J. Beatty,
W. Bainbridge. D. Jones, W. Perry, W. Parkes, T. Hodge,
J. Beeton, F. Lee, S. See, F. Leckie, J. Moffatt, R. Lewis, J. Neal
J. Brennan, J. Burrows, A. Burrows, P. Bowling, J. Green, A. Perry
J. Hancock, R. Harden,

Merewether Advance)White-Red Sash)

W. Smith, J. Pryde, A. Elliott, R. Sneddon, W. Sneddon, A. Myers
C. Purvis, T. Hedley, F. Wooley, H. Hall, R. Johnson, M. Craig,
H. Andrews, G. Jackson, McCartney, J. Galbraith, J. Phillips,
J. Smith, T. Bell, D. Wooley, J. Green, T. Murphy.

Adamstown Rosebud (Blue-White Sash)
 Robert Elgey, F. Bartley, F. Jennings, R. Talbot, J. George,
 J. Nix, A. McNaughton, E. Clarke, R. Cameron, J. Bush, J. Watt,
 George Nix, J. D. Hamilton, R. Matthews, F. Rushton, W. Harris,
 M. O'Hagan, J. Bone, J. Doyle, Frank Elgey, E. Talbot, E. Bartley.

Nat Jones, E. Wooten, A. Bartley, Joe Bartley, M. Geatchers,
 George Campbell, W. Fisher, W. Maxwell, Juno Maxwell.

School Competition

Adamstown.

A. Edden, N. Lee, J. Dunne, T. Turnbull, A. Jennings, W. Burns,
 J. Hadley, M. Lee, A. Dunne, F. Fisher, E. Avery.

Hamilton

H. McRae, A. Wilson, G. Dorrity, J. Fullicks, R. Davis, R. Emery,
 W. Elliott, G. Jamieson, V. Hodges, E. Duncan, J. Duncan, R. Clay
 E. Alexander, J. Stevenson, A. Dawson, B. Green.

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J. C. Collins, R. Wells, J. Caddis, R. Brown, J. Devon, J. Laverty
 H. Ball, D. Williams, W. Ball, H. Willoughby, H. Devon, W. Sneddon
 G. Barr, L. Elliott, J. Richards, R. Milgate, T. Mitchell

Wallarrah(Catherine Hill Bay(3rd Grade)
J.Evans,C.Outram,J.Bassett,W.Mansfield,A.Gill,A.Hinks
P.Parsons,R.Milluish,P.Jenkins,R.Howe,G.Pringle,R.Collins
F.Neal,T.Price,J.Lee,R.Eade,L.Conn,J.Ridley,S.Ridley,
H.Backman,S.Davies,W.Campbell,H.Brindley,B.Spinks,
J.Spinks,H.Peacock,S.Belford,W.Norman,A.Tobin, Wiggs
H.Firkin,R.Grahame.
H.Wells Secretery)

Minmi Trilby's(3rd Grade)Red-White-Blue)
C.Callaghan,J.Oliver,M.Cummings,W.Jackson,G.Shepperd,
D.Scott,J.Brown,A.Evans,J.Renfrew,T.Winterbottom,
T.Wells,D.McBlane,R.Cain,E.Richards,E.Perry,D.Brown,
N.Jackson,J.McLaughlin,W.Wheatley,J.Lewis,J.Hobson,H.Knott,
S.Waugh,T.Banfield,W.Smith.
J.Brown(Secretary)Minmi.

Wallsend Rovers
Davis,Davison,Hepplewhite,Shaw,Diver,Nelson,G.Pringle
Tommy Baird,Jackson,Wilson,J.Maxwell,Patterson,Durie
Evans,Parke,R.Blair,W.Cadman,J.Blair,Seidencamp,
J.Hill,J.Kemp,Gilpin,S.Hopton,
William Evans(Secretary)Pittown Wallsend)

Minmi Rooks(3rd Grade)All White)
R.Peel,J.Gorton,D.Brown,J.Fullick,W.Fullicks,R.Ferguson,
A.Wells,D.Dixon,G.Leonard,W.Murnane,G.Jack,J.Ramsey,
Bower,F.Murnane,John Mowatt,Bob Cain,D.Fairlie,J.Wilson
T.Ramsey,D.Currie,G.Price,O.Murnane,
A.Wells(Secretary)

Holmesville Stars(3rd Grade)Black & Gold
N.Jones,W.Beale,T.Beale,G.Gray,W.Heeney,E.Faith,
T.Shepperd,G.Heeney,J.Lewis,C.Edwards,W.Mann,S.Gilchrist,
C.Trenyholme,A.Johnson,J.Horn,G.Sneddon,H.Hindmarsh,
R.Arthur,S.Hilditch,A.Coleman,J.Storer,
Thos McBlane(Secretary)

Minmi Rangers(1st Grade) Black & Red
S.Wells,Trapper Needs,G.Scott,W.McBlane,J.Winterbottom,
Jim Brown,A.Oliver,J.Black,S.Waite,J.Williams,
T.Humphries,H.Knott,J.Conn.

Minmi Rangers(2nd Grade)
T.Rennix,J.Rennix,J.Pruor,J.Russell,J.Knott,H.Needs,
T.Murnane,J.Hindmarsh,Jack Brown,Joe Brown,
Alec Bilbie, W.Mason

Adamstown Shamrocks(Seniors)White Green Sash
A.Bailey,E.Moore,N.Turpin,A Deidencamp,J.Harrison,
T.Harrison,T.Wailes,J.Sparkes,A.Roach,M.Roach,F.Magill,
S.Harris,J.Bullerwell,J.Weatherburn,D.Walker,N.Jones,
D.Bone,E.Gilpin,S.Hopton,S.Miller,J.Beddo,W.Edden.

Adamstown Rosebud(Blue-White Sash)
Robert Elgey,F.Bartley,F.Jennings,R.Talbot,J.George,
J.Nix,A.McNaughton,E.Clarke,R.Cameron,J.Bush,J.Watt,
George Nix,J.D.Hamilton,R.Matthews,F.Rushton,W.Harris,
M.O'Hagan,J.Bone,J.Doyle, Frank Elgey,E.Talbot,E.Bartley,

Player Register

Merewether Advance(1st Grade)

J. Smith, R. Twist, D. Gillard, A. Faulds, H. Bell, T. Bell, A. Young,
G. Brown, A. O'Neill, M. Jones, P. Fairhall, J. Hall, G. Campbell,
G. F. Magill, Matt Craig, W. Turnbull, B. Hall, G. Johnson,
J. Phillips, J. Hall, Aliworth, (Secretary)

Merewether Advance(2nd Grade)

J. Fairhall, D. Williams, F. Adamsthwaite, H. Dauvers, J. Powell,
R. Johnson, R. McLeary, J. Greenwood, H. Robson, B. Johns,
J. Dever, J. Searle, J. Buxton, A. Fairhall, A. Price, A. Lovall
C. Thompson, E. Firth

Holmesville Stars(2nd Grade) Black & Gold

M. Jones, R. Everson, A. L. Kime, A. Sneddon, W. Beale, T. Beale,
G. Gray, W. Gray, J. Trentholme, J. Flemming, T. McBlane,
W. Heeney, G. Heeney, George Hilditch, S. Murray, W. Armstrong
W. McClush, N. McClush, Eli Faith, T. Shephard, W. Anderson,
C. Lawrence, R. Howell, W. Arthur, J. Lewis, C. Edwards, W. Allan
Jerry Sneddon, M. O'Hagan

Teralba(2nd Grade)

A. Barnes, J. Stubbs, A. Cherry, T. O'Brien, H. Wilkinson, W. Steel
T. Dumbleton, J. Coates, P. Japson, T. Wilkinson, W. Outram,
J. Rodgers, J. McAlpine, F. Potter, J. Goodall, E. Japson,
J. Peel, A. Frew, J. Frew J. Wilson

Wallsend Boulders(White-Blue Band)

W. Wardle, W. Frew, G. Maddison, J. Crowley, T. Crowley, J. Wardle,
E. Parkes, T. Parkes, A. Davies, J. Bowling, A. Arkley, R. Parkinson,
W. Pettigrew, J. Richardson, A. Richardson, B. Robson,
A. Gibson, E. Williams, W. Thomas, C. Wilson, C. Jobling, J. Craig
W. Hancock, D. Bower, W. Moore.
A. E. Gibson(Secretary)Whitton St. Wallsend)

Wallerah(1st Team)White-Black Sash)

G. Hill, J. Outram, J. Green, J. Belford, J. Archibold
J. Parsons, S. Outram, P. McLaughlan, James Davies,
G. Anderson, J. Peacock, A. Johnson, R. Henderson,
J. Meredith, M. Hamilton, H. Campbell.

3rd Juniors

Holmesville Stars, Merewether Advance, Minmi Rooks,
Minmi Trilbys, Wallarah, West Wallsend.
Merewether Advance 4 defeated West Wallsend 2 in Final.

Adamstown Rosebud(Continued)

Nat Jones, E. Wooten, A. Bartley, Joe Bartley, M. Geatchers,
George Campbell, W. Fisher, W. Maxwell, Juno Maxwell.

Wallsend Rovers(Red, with Gold Sash)

Jackson, Roy, Andrews, J. Wishart, Durie, Blair, Kemp, Dowson,
Shaw, Hepplewhite, Evans, Tate, Baird.

West Wallsend(1st Grade)(Light Blue)

Jackson, A. Muir, W. Teasdale, J. Maunder, J. Robertson, J. Curran
R. Leckie, T. Brennan, J. Stewart, W. Stewart, J. Harden, J. Beatty,
W. Bainbridge. D. Jones, W. Perry, W. Parkes, T. Hodge,
J. Beeton, F. Lee, S. See, F. Leckie, J. Moffatt, R. Lewis, J. Neal
J. Brennan, J. Burrows, A. Burrows, P. Bowling, J. Green, A. Perry
J. Hancock, R. Harden,

Merewether Advance)White-Red Sash)

W. Smith, J. Pryde, A. Elliott, R. Sneddon, W. Sneddon, A. Myers
C. Purvis, T. Hedley, F. Wooley, H. Hall, R. Johnson, M. Craig,
H. Andrews, G. Jackson, McCartney, J. Galbraith, J. Phillips,
J. Smith, T. Ball, D. Wooley, J. Green, T. Murphy.

School Competition

Adamstown.

A. Edden, N. Lee, J. Dunne, T. Turnbull, A. Jennings, W. Burns,
J. Hadley, M. Lee, A. Dunne, F. Fisher, E. Avery.

Hamilton

H. McRae, A. Wilson, G. Dorrity, J. Fullicks, R. Davis, R. Emery,
W. Elliott, G. Jamieson, V. Hodges, E. Duncan, J. Duncan, R. Clay
E. Alexander, J. Stevenson, A. Dawson, B. Green.

Minmi

J. C. Collins, R. Wells, J. Caddis, R. Brown, J. Devon, J. Laverty
H. Ball, D. Williams, W. Ball, H. Willoughby, H. Devon, W. Sneddon
G. Barr, L. Elliott, J. Richards, R. Milgate, T. Mitchell

Player Register

Kurri Kurri

W. Jones, T. Kirkwood, M. Lobley, J. Scott, A. Smith, A. Roach,
B. Chapple, S. Beauford, S. Peters, G. Pearce, W. Wilks,
J. Oglethorpe, C. Turnbull, J. E. Sawyer, G. Bettridge,
H. Williamson

Wallsend Royals(3rd Grade)

J. Robertson, A. Chiarelli, J. Crowley, T. Lewis, G. Brown,
V. O'Donnell, T. Jones, D. Baird, H. Stothard, H. Pratten,
B. Pratten, J. Grilla, T. Craig, J. Treay, J. Patrick, W. Grilla,
W. Jackson.

Teralba(3rd Grade)

Jas Stubbs, W. Treay, A. Lessells, T. Wilkinson, T. O'Brien
J. McAlpine, A. Arkman, G. Wilson, T. Barnett, W. Thomas, J. Coates,
R. Hepplewhite, H. Wilkinson, B. Jepson, F. Parker, A. Cherry,
C. Richardson, J. Dellaway.

West Wallsend(3rd Grade)

J. Armour, W. Burkett, J. Burkett, J. Trentholme, A. Hodge, J. Muir
C. Harrison, F. Fernie, E. Kembrey, J. Evans, Jim Stewart,
J. Richardson, J. Dellaway

Wallerah

J. Bassett, K. Eade, E. Kembry, T. Price, C. Outram, W. Outram,
J. Outram, N. C. Dowd, G. Ridley, S. Dumbleton, M. Mansfield
W. Kembrey, R. Melish, J. McPhee, A. Gill, R. Howe, D. Absalam.

Wallsend Royals(B)

C. Johnstone, E. Ross, G. Wilson, T. Hepplewhite, Hancock,
Blair, Stewart, Cadman, Parkes, Davis, P. Murnane, Waite.
Grant.

Wallsend Royals(A)

A. Anderson, A. Johnson, J. Barr, W. Hancock, H. Willis, J. Bilby,
W. Mansfield, J. Conn, M. Pettigrew, B. Parks, C. Murnane
J. Hughes.

West Wallsend

W. E. Wilson, J. Harden, A. Morrison, F. Lee, J. Morrison, A. Burrows,
J. Stow, J. Stewart, T. Brennan, S. Coates, T. Robinson, J. Sneddon.

Windy Creek(Windie)

A. Gibson, W. Gibson, W. Wardle, J. Wardle, W. Frew, J. Parkes,
G. Maddison, E. Hogg, W. Thomas, G. Drury, J. Linsley.
W. Morris, W. Paraby, A. Lewis, C. Wilson, E. Jones, J. Morgan,
W. Moore, J. Richardson.

Broadmeadow Federals.

R. Robinson, R. Maher, R. Cairns, H. Robinson, H. Gerrard, H. Birt,
G. Maitch, G. Nix, W. Maher, W. Grubb, W. Gibson, W. Gibson,
W. Langbridge, J. Anders, Joe Anders, J. Doyle, F. Williams

Wallarrah(Catherine Hill Bay(3rd Grade)

J. Evans, C. Outram, J. Bassett, W. Mansfield, A. Gill, A. Hinks
 P. Parsons, R. Milluish, P. Jenkins, R. Howe, C. Pringle, R. Collins
 F. Neal, T. Price, J. Lee, R. Eade, L. Conn, J. Ridley, S. Ridley,
 H. Backman, S. Davies, W. Campbell, H. Brindley, B. Spinks,
 J. Spinks, H. Peacock, S. Belford, W. Norman, A. Tobin, Wiggs
 H. Firkin, R. Grahame.
 H. Wells Secretary)

Minmi Trilby's(3rd Grade)Red-White-Blue)

C. Callaghan, J. Oliver, M. Cummings, W. Jackson, G. Shepperd,
 D. Scott, J. Brown, A. Evans, J. Renfrew, T. Winterbottom,
 T. Wells, D. McBlane, R. Cain, E. Richards, E. Perry, D. Brown,
 N. Jackson, J. McLaughlin, W. Wheatley, J. Lewis, J. Hobson, H. Knott,
 S. Waugh, T. Banfield, W. Smith.
 J. Brown(Secretary)Minmi.

Wallsend Rovers

Davis, Davison, Hepplewhite, Shaw, Diver, Nelson, G. Pringle
 Tommy Baird, Jackson, Wilson, J. Maxwell, Patterson, Durie
 Evans, Parkes, R. Blair, W. Cadman, J. Blair, Seidencamp,
 J. Hill, J. Kemp, Gilpin, S. Hopton,
 William Evans(Secretary)Pittown Wallsend)

Minmi Rocks(3rd Grade)All White)

R. Peel, J. Gorton, D. Brown, J. Fullick, W. Fullicks, R. Ferguson,
 A. Wells, D. Dixon, G. Leonard, W. Murnane, G. Jack, J. Ramsey,
 Bower, F. Murnane, John Mowett, Bob Cain, D. Fairlie, J. Wilson
 T. Ramsey, D. Currie, G. Price, O. Murnane,
 A. Wells(Secretary)

Holmesville Stars(3rd Grade)Black & Gold

N. Jones, W. Beale, T. Beale, G. Gray, W. Heeney, E. Faith,
 T. Shepperd, G. Heeney, J. Lewis, C. Edwards, W. Mann, S. Gilchrist,
 C. Trenyholme, A. Johnson, J. Horn, G. Sneddon, H. Hindmarsh,
 R. Arthur, S. Hilditch, A. Coleman, J. Storer,
 Thos McBlane(Secretary)

Minmi Rangers(1st Grade) Black & Red

S. Wells, Trapper Needs, G. Scott, W. McBlane, J. Winterbottom,
 Jim Brown, A. Oliver, J. Black, S. Waite, J. Williams,
 T. Humphries, H. Knott, J. Conn.

Minmi Rangers(2nd Grade)

T. Rennix, J. Rennix, J. Pruor, J. Russell, J. Knott, H. Needs,
 T. Murnane, J. Hindmarsh, Jack Brown, Joe Brown,
 Alec Bilbie, W. Mason

Adamstown Shamrocks(Seniors)White Green Sash

A. Bailey, E. Moore, N. Turpin, A. Deidencamp, J. Harrison,
 T. Harrison, T. Wailes, J. Sparkes, A. Roach, M. Roach, F. Magill,
 S. Harris, J. Bullerwell, J. Weatherburn, D. Walker, N. Jones,
 D. Bone, E. Gilpin, S. Hopton, S. Miller, J. Beddow, W. Edden.

1906 Season

Patrons, W. Denton, G. F. Scott, A. E. Merewether.

President, Ed Bixton

Secretary, Bob Stevenson

Treasurer, J. Wilson

Vice Presidents, J. McCartney, H. Denny, Ed Blackburn, R. Wood,

J. L. Fegan (M.L.A.) J. Estell (M.L.A.) Louis Twist

E. Baker, J. Rixon, W. Smith

Fall Council, Alec Roy, E. Gilpin, Bill Ambler, J. Filby, J. McLeary

J. McLeary, George Myers, G. Brown.



Northern British Football Association officers and councillors for the season 1906. Standing: E. Stevenson (secretary), G. Brown, G. A. Myers, W. J. Ambler, J. Wilson (treasurer). Sitting: J. McCartney (vice-president), J. L. Fegan (M.L.A. vice-president), E. Bixton (president), E. Blackburn (vice-president) and H. J. Denny (vice-president). Picture from 1906.

1906 NBFA Officers and Councillors

THE RETURN OF MINNI RANGERS

The return of Minni Rangers to the senior ranks was a pleasing feature but this was offset by West Wallsend's failure to nominate. Adamstown entered two teams; the "B" Combination absorbing many of the former Shamrocks. Along with Merewether Advance and Wallsend Rovers, a senior league of five teams provided ample competition. Wallsend Rovers had a disastrous season, finishing at the bottom of the table. In the first semi final, Merewether Advance beat Minni Rangers 2x1 but because of the rivalry between Adamstown Rosebud A Team and Adamstown Rosebud B Team in the second semi final the match was played at Minni. The result was that Rosebud A defeated Rosebud B team 3x1. In the Final Adamstown Rosebud A Team defeated it's near rivals Merewether Advance 2x1.

Gardiner Cup

Through the efforts of Steve Lynch of Sydney the NSW officials decided to open the State Cup (Gardiner Challenge Cup) to the north once again and to include the South Coast also. Adamstown Rosebud and Minmi Rangers were the only two nominations from the north this year. Seven teams entered, along with Woonona from the South Coast Association..

Disappointingly, Adamstown Rosebud and Minmi Rangers were drawn together in the first round.

In a thrilling game, Adamstown defeated Minmi Rangers 3x2...

In the second round Adamstown went down to Balmain 2x1, after playing a 3x3 draw earlier.

Adamstown's officials, player's and supporters criticised the Sydney officials for not having the replay in Newcastle.

The complaint was given much space in the Sydney press, which applauded the stand taken by Adamstown.

However, State officials called upon the Adamstown Club to withdraw its complaint and charges and also to apologise.

When this was not forthcoming, the northern club was informed that it would be barred from future State Cup series.

1906 Ellis Cup	Adamstown Rosebud	Adamstown B IX	Merewether Advance	Minmi Rangers	Wallsend Rovers	Points
Adamstown Rosebud	X	1-1	2-1	2-2	3-1	6
Adamstown B XI	1-1	X	2-3	0-2	0-0	2
M'wether Advance	1-2	3-2	X	2-1	3-1	6
Minmi Rangers	2-2	2-0	1-2	X	3-1	5
Wallsend Rovers	1-3	0-0	1-3	1-3	X	1

Semi-finals Merewether Advance (2) defeated Minmi Rangers (1)

Adamstown Rosebud (3) defeated Adamstown "B" (1)

Final Adamstown Rosebud (2) defeated M'wether Advance (1)
(at Newcastle Showground)

Referee Mr Myers

Northern District British Football Association Directory.

The NDBFA issued the first ever directory this year and it contains the following information.

Clubs	colours	Secretary's
Adamstown Rosebud	Navy Blue	J.D.Hamilton
Broadmeadow R.A.	Black & Gold	H.Gerrard
Dudley Thistles	White, Blue Braces	R.H.Mowbray
East Greta	White, Blk. Braces	C.Cartwright
Holmesville Stars	Black & Gold	W.Armstrong
Kurri Kurri	Red & Blue	L.Kirkwood
Merewether Advance	White, Red Sash	R.Johnson
Minni Starlights	Green, Red Star	W.Smith
Minni Squashers	White, Blue Band	John Brown
Pelaw Main	Purple	C.Senior
Adamstown Shamrocks	White, Green Sash	T.Hadley
Adamstown Sweethearts	White, Red Heart	J.Filby
Teralba Rangers	White, Blue Hoops	G.Japson
Wallarrah Seabreezers	White, Black Sash	Alf Neal
Wallsend Boulders	White, Blue Band	W.Taylor
Wallsend Rovers	All Red	T.Dobinson
West Wallsend	Royal Blue	R.Skillings
Heddon Greta Rooks	White, Yellow Sash	Joe Hodges

Schools	Colours	Secretary's
Adamstown	Blue	J.Dunne
Minni	Blue, White Star	Geo Barr
Wallsend	Blue & White	E.Armstrong
West Wallsend	Black & Gold	D.Howell

FIRST OFFICIAL REFEREE'S LIST

H.Spiers	Dudley
R.Harden	West Wallsend
J.D.Hamilton	Adamstown
T.Seidencamp	Adamstown
G.Pollock	Adamstown
Bill Evans	Wallsend
R.Dowson	Plattsburg
J.Pettigrev	Wallarrah(Catherine Hill Bay
George Myers	Hamilton
E.Gilpin	Adamstown
R.Stevenson	Broadmeadow
A.Needs	Minni
R.Lewis	Charlestown

Player Register

Minmi Rangers(1st Grade)

J. Rennix, J. Brown, J. Black, Wal McBlane, J. Grant, R. Oliver,
M. Giles, S. Waite, Hy Cummock, D. Allen, A. Bilbie, J. Knott, F. Needs,
G. Newton, W. James, Sam Wills, J. Williams, J. Murdock, J. Pryor,
A. Oliver, George Scott, J. McBlane, J. Winterbottom, J. Russell,
R. McBlane, W. Waite, A. Needs, G. Merrion, R. Leckie,
R. McBlane(Secretary)

Adamstown Rosebud

Bob Elgey, John Doyle, J. Nix, J. Purvis, J. Watt, Bill Harris,
F. Jennings, J. Bullervell, D. Russell, J. George, E. Clarke,
F. McGill, W. Maxwell, A. McNaughton,
J. D. Hamilton(Secretary)

Adamstown(B)

J. Weatherburn, S. Hopton, J. Pollock, D. Bone, D. Gillard, S. Harris
T. Seidencamp, W. Waugh, A. Filby, K. Bally, J. Wailes, J. Sparkes,
D. Gilpin, E. Talbot, J. Jennings, J. Jackson, Joe Bone.

Wallsend Rovers(1st Grade)

S. Stewart, C. Parkes, W. Evans, T. Ledbury, J. Crowley, T. Crowley,
H. Hepplewhite, J. Bowling, D. Bower, A. Chiarelli, J. Shaw,
P. Waite, H. Parkinson, J. Patterson, A. Muir,
T. Dobinson(Secretary)

Merewether Advance

J. Blackburn, J. Johnson, F. Adamsthwaite, G. Ritchie, S. Faulds
W. Ashman, R. Smith, H. Hall, W. McLaren, T. Phillips, M. Jones,
W. Peacock, R. Twist, W. Powell, T. Bell, H. Turnbull

Holmesville Stars(2nd Grade)

T. McBlane, W. Armstrong, R. Everson, W. Arthur, W. McLeish,
N. McLeish, E. Picken, James Archibold, Vic Huddlestons,
George Green, A. Spowart, C. Trentholme, J. Trentholme,
George Gray, J. Flemming, Jerry Sneddon, Juno Sneddon, A. Frew,
S. Hilditch, J. R. Hughes, T. Frew, A. Flemming, Wal Sneddon,
Phil Jones, D. Huddlestons, W. Quinn, T. Shepperd, C. Parkes
Bill Evans, Sid Stewart, Theo Ledbury, Tom Heeney, W. Burkett,
W. Armstrong(Secretary)

Adamstown (B)

E. Elgey, G. Campbell, S. Bartley, P. Bartley, A. Bartley, J. Bone
R. Matthews, T. Jennings, G. Edden, G. Campbell, R. Watt, R. Jones
J. Hamilton, J. Vale, W. Loyden, J. Pollock, F. Rushton, G. Roddom,
W. Cox, D. Gilpin, J. Beddow, C. Lilley.

Merewether Advance(2nd Grade)

P. Fairhall, J. Fairhall, R. Fairhall, R. Johnson, J. Powell,
H. Bell, H. Danvers, J. Searle, A. Lovell, M. Lamb, J. Buxton, J. Jones
S. Jones,
R. Jones(Secretary Railway St Merewether)

West Wallsend(2nd Grade)

R.Harden, J.Harden, E.Wilson, H.Ford, F.Ford, R.Henderson
A.Hodge, S.Coates, E.Johnson, J.Thompson, R.Ferguson, J.Brown
J.Mason, J.Durant, R.Harrison, R.Hunter, J.Armer, H.Parkes,
J.Muir, H.Bower, E.Kessel, Jim Stewart, F.Fernie, A.Gracie
R.Carroll, G.Lloyd, C.Harrison, T.Stewart.

East Greta

C.Bunn, J.Jowett, A.Lavender, C.Cartwright, G.Morgan, H.Bewes,
R.Coulton, R.Cook, J.Lindsay, S.Williams, W.Reis, W.Walton,
T.Walton, M.Walton, J.Walton, J.Genge, P.Parkes, C.Bisley,
J.Williams, M.Cook, A.Coulton, T.Stokes, A.Kerr, W.Collins,
G.G.Cartwright(Secretary)

Dudley Thistles(3rd Grade)

Sam Cooper, Bill Cooper, Jas Gibbs, John Gibbs, Alex Brown,
Jas Hodge, Bob Anderson, John Mowbray, Bob Mowbray,
Gilbert Russell, W.Richmond, Jas Hunter, Dave Jones, W.Jones,
John Parsons, J.McNaughton, Joe Hindmarsh, G.Cooper,
C.Creighton, T.Anderson,
R.H.Mowbray(Secretary)

Wallerah Seabreezers

D.Parsons, E.Drummond, A.J.Neal, S.Parsons, H.Neal,
H.Blackman, W.Pettigrew, A.Jones, H.Peacock, R.Peel, D.Jenkins,
E.R.Anderson, Alf Neal(Secretary)

Minmi Starlights(2nd Grade)

Bill Smith, Tom Ramsay, Evan Richards, Joe Conn, Jon Gorton
Tom Winterbottom, John Oliver, Dave Scott, George Price,
Jerry McLaughlan, Wal Wheatley, Chris Callaghan,
John Fullick, J.Grant,
Bill Smith(Secretary).

Adamstown Sweethearts(3rd Grade)

J.Dever, J.Postlewaite, J.Loveday, A.Adamsthwaite, C.Lilley,
G.Richardson, C.Baldwin, F.Frew, W.Graham, W.Beddow, E.Reynolds,
J.Reynolds, B.Beston, A.Jennings, J.Jennings, A.Sharpe,
R.Strickland, D.Gilpin, F.Filby, J.Sharpe, W.Dolling
T.Beddow, A.Headley, S.Thompson, G.Faulds, B.Ford, A.Wilmott
George Nix, J.O'Neill, J.Oswall, J.Roach, J.Gray, J.Blanch,
J.Filby(Secretary Gosford Road Adamstown)

Minmi Rooks(3rd Grade)

G.Rennix, D.Brown, W.Russell, J.Ashton, J.Ramsay, H.Richards,
A.Duncan J.Renfrew, R.Morris, T.Hodge, J.Sneddon, J.Dick
W.Fullick, J.Caw, G.Oliver, G.B.Oliver(Secretary)

Minmi Squashers(3rd Grade)

John Brown, James Brown, Mark Clarke, George Clarke, J.Corns,
Aug Lewis, Les Banfield, Frank Murnane, John Mowett, A.Collins
A.A.Shepperd, G.Shepperd, R.Cain, J.Wells, E.Callaghan
Tom Wells, T.Willoughby, T.J.Thompson, J.Lewis,
John Brown(Secretary Newtown Mines)

Adamstown (B)

John Campbell, John Gardner, James Fenwick, Tom Hadley,
Peter Roddom, Alec McLeish, George Warburton, Tom Richards,
Cliff Graham, T. Richmond, Ed Price, Tom Tripney, J. Ward
Joe Geatchers, Joe Hadley, Fred Jones, Ralph Prescott,
Dave Flint, D. Elliott, W. Dixon, J. Ward, W. Rodway, J. Bartley
Thomas Hadley, (Secretary Brickyards Adamstown)

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs

T. Waugh, E. Sneddon, H. Gerrard, G. Thomas, S. Harris, W. Rennie,
W. Dunstan, J. Morris, Peter Atchinson, J. Cunningham, B. Davis
A. Laverick, T. McNaughton, W. Rushford, M. Lawton, A. Myers
A. Laverick, J. Burns, A. Cunningham, T. Doyle, J. Francis, J. Shields
A. Thornton
H. Gerrard (Secretary)

Heddon Greta Rooks

Alf Hodges, R. Robson, Bob Squires, George Oakley, Jon Manning,
Wesley Williams, Andrew Andrews, Ted Jackson, George Muir,
Bert Oglethorpe, Bill Yates, Harry Hooker, Arch Lewis
Tom Sneddon, Bill MOrgan, Tom Doyle, Henry Hodge, Yeddon Walsh,
Bert Turnbull, James Roberts, S. Younger, C. Younger, C. Porter
M. Porter, P. Porter, W. E. Jones, E. Cassils, J. Oglethorpe,
J. Brown, R. Humes, W. Palmer,
Joe Hodges (Secretary)

Adamstown (3rd Grade)

T. Maxwell, Hec Watt, J. G. Bullerwell, G. Elliott, J. Wallworth,
J. Wyman, J. Robinson, W. Geatchers, H. Geatchers, Val Loydon
A. Edden, Jennings, M. Turnbull, J. Bone, G. Pollock, E. T. Eggleston
W. Brown, H. Carley, S. Eggleston, F. Elgey, O. Watt, H. Biggens,
R. Lloyd, J. Davis, J. Howells, W. Turnbull, M. Robinson, H. Erskine
J. Askews.

Teralba Rangers (3rd Grade)

J. Coates, A. Barnes, A. Cherry, Joe Stubbs, J. Peel, J. McAlpine
W. Steel, W. McLaghlin, A. Ashman, J. C. Cherry, Tom Wilkinson,
Frank Wilson, F. Parkes, T. O'Brien, G. Wilson, J. Rodgers
Jack Rodgers, F. Potter, P. Japson,
W. Derricott.

Wallsend Rovers (3rd Grade)

D. White, J. Brown, J. Richards, T. Dobinson, R. Parkinson,
L. Matthews, J. Farmer, R. Stewart, B. Linsley, J. Ledbury,
H. Hancock, P. Chapman, C. Williams, J. Robinson, W. Archibold,
W. O'Brien, T. Metcalfe, W. Race, R. Punton,
T. Dobinson (Secretary)

Newcastle District Schools Competition

Wallsend Superior Public School

E. Armstrong, R. Harrison, W. Scott, W. King, J. Street, C. White,
W. Robertson, J. Henderson, R. Gray, T. Radley, J. Mansfield
John Haydon, G. Jones, H. Fisher.

Minmi Superior Public School

J. McKinnon, R. Brown, T. Corfield, L. Elliott, J. Wilson, H. Devon
D. Williams, J. Richards, G. Barr, W. Sneddon, L. Mitchell,
R. Wells, H. Daniels, E. Preslands, H. Dick, H. Knight, H. Leonard
S. Hamilton, F. Harvey, G. Scott, R. Clarke, R. Plain,
W. Mullholland, J. Fairlie, J. McFadden, G. Williams.

West Wallsend Superior Public School

C. Knudson, Anthony Mason, Edmond Hughes, Jack Durie,
Frank Williams, Joe Ernshaw, Bob Turnbull, Edward Coates
John Leckie, Jack Holland, Peter Slavin, Bill Brownlee
H. Whit, Ley, Bob Cowie, George Laverick, Bill Campbell
Tom Walsh, Herb Donnelly, Jim Nelson, Bill Convery.

1907 Season

Patron.W.Denton

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Peter Bowling,Green Bros Jewellers,

Milton & McLuckie,(Printers)

D.Howard,George Brown,George Myers

George Newton,R.Hughes

Adamstown Rosebud Entry For

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Refused.

This year there was sporting drama,focussing public attention which in turn,meant bigger "gates".

The drama was the refusal of the Sydney authorities to accept Adamstown's entry for the Gardiner Cup.

This decision shocked more than the followers of the code. However,Association Secretary,Bob Stevenson,who was also

associated with the Broadmeadow Club,suggested a way out; to nominate under a new name. The idea was adopted and the

Adamstown Rosebud team nominated for the Gardiner Cup as Broadmeadow. The entry was then accepted by Sydney.

(By the way,the same thing happened to Wallsend in 1898, when Wallsend Rovers nominated as Newcastle West.

Gardiner Challenge Cup

In the Cup ties,Broadmeadow(Adamstown Rosebud) ousted the Navy,3x0. However,Weston Advance were beaten by Pyrmont 2x0 in its very first entry into the Gardiner Cup. Broadmeadow(Adamstown) THEN travelled to Woonona in

the second round to play a scoreless draw but in the replay, Broadmeadow(Adamstown) won 5x1,with Campbell,Maxwell,

S,Bartley and Jennings the outstanding contributors.

The semi final against Petersham was a tough task.

After a 1x1 draw in the first game, Broadmeadow (Adamstown) won the replay,3x1.

The first final against Pyrmont was a scoreless draw at Epping. Surprisingly,the State Association,in a complete about face,ordered the replay to be played at the Newcastle Showground..

After 90 minutes of play,the score stood at 2x2 and in extra time Drussell scored the clincher for Broadmeadow (Adamstown Rosebud)

The winning team was.

Bob"Brolgey"Elgey,Campbell,J.Doyle,W.Harris,J.George, Clarke,Jennings,S.Bartley,D.Russell,S.Harris,& T.Jones

Ellis Cup

Unfortunately only two teams nominated for the Ellis Cup Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs and Weston Advance.Subsequently three ties were played

Round.1.Broadmeadow.R.A. 3 v Weston Advance 2

Round.2.Broadmeadow.R.A. 1 v Weston Advance 1

Round.3 Broadmeadow.R.A.. won on a forfeit.

RUSSELL

Weston Team consisted of
 Elliott, E. Bartley, J. Watt, J. Freebairn, T. Wardrop, W. Connell,
 A. Rae, R. Sneddon, C. Masters, W. Nesbitt, J. Sneddon

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs
 Bob Elgey, J. Doyle, G. Campbell, W. Harris, W. Maxwell, J. George,
 D. Russell, E. Clarke, W. Jennings, S. Bartley, T. Jones

MUST REBUILD

To rebuild the game, the senior competition was abandoned after the Ellis Cup Final fiasco and an all age competition substituted. This was planned to introduce pockets of intensive interests in new areas, from which future teams would be created.

Entries were Pelaw Main, East Greta, Cessnock Mountaineers, West Wallsend Bluebells, Adamstown Rosebud, Weston Advance, Wallsend Rovers, Wallsend Royals, Broadmeadow, Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs. At the end of the Premiership series, Pelaw Main as the minor premiers and Wallsend Royals as runner up met in the final.

However, the challenge from the coalfields was too powerful, as Pelaw Main, after extra time, ran out winners 4x2.

Seasons Winners

Seniors.

All Aged Pelaw Main

W. Neil, A. Wilson, J. Hodges, J. Morrison, D. Jones,
 T. Crowley, J. Crowley, J. Davies, D. Shepperd, W. Mackay,
 W. Jones.

2nd Juniors Adamstown Rosebud

J. Danvers, C. Lilley, E. Price, G. Edden, P. Bartley,
 J. Filby, A. Jennings, A. Adamsthwaite, N. Sheedy,
 H. Nix, J. Gray, J. Reynolds, J. Buxton, H. Price

3rd Juniors West Wallsend Bluebells

R. Mowbray, C. Lewis, T. Richmond, M. Dial, R. Skillings
 T. Campbell, J. Whielaw, W. Lewis, G. Mason, W. Carson,
 H. Parks,

4th Juniors Adamstown Rosebud

J. Dunne, R. Stewart, W. Powell, R. Winwood, E. Dixon,
 A. Edden, N. Lee, H. Warburton, A. Jennings, T. Beddow,
 R. Love, H. Ryan

Barlow School Cup West Wallsend

J. Lackie, C. Knudson, H. Means, W. Grills, E. Robinson
 D. Horh, J. Armont, F. Williams, P. Slavin, R. Turnbull
 A. McIntyre, E. Howell, N. Turnbull.

***Officials of the new registered clubs were

Minmi Wanderers	J. Bilbie (Secretary)
Minmi Rooks	G. Barr (Secretary)
Charlestown Gamblers	(J. Geddes Secretary)
Cessnock Starlights	T. Rennix (Secretary)
Cessnock Mountaineers	A. Patrick (Secretary)
Weston Advance	E. Bartley (Adamstown)

Player Register

Adamstown Rosebud(1st Grade)

R. Elgey, D. Hall, J. George, J. Watt, J. Maxwell, W. Maxwell,
D. Bone, F. Jennings, J. Nix, W. Harris, D. Russell, W. Jennings
J. Masters, J. Bullerwell, R. Sneddon, A. Reay, Wal Sneddon, K. Smith,
F. Henderson, J. Bone, D. Harris, S. Harris, G. Campbell, S. Bartley,
R. Bartley, W. Cox, J. Hamilton, M. Roach, A. Filby, F. McGill,
T. Seidencamp, Bill Waugh, G. Edden, J. Robson, A. Bartley,
K. Roach, W. Weatherburn, S. Hopton, J. Beddow, J. Cameron, J. Bush,
D. Gillard, H. Roach, T. Harrison, S. Falls, J. D. Hamilton.

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs(1st Grade)

J. Doyle, H. Picken, R. Oliver, Seth Waite, J. Knott, A. Needs,
J. Purvis, J. Clayton, Wal McLean, D. Jackson, D. Hall, J. McHugh,
H. C. Vale, J. Anders, W. Harris, Welham, McBlane, T. Clarke,
A. McNaughton, J. Smith, J. Bone, J. Lindus, R. Elliott, C. Carlin,
W. Aitchson, J. Marchant, J. Cunningham. T. Smith, F. Needs,
J. Viggers,
J. Reay(Secretary Hamilton Park)

Weston Advance

A. Elliott, A. Bailey, A. Ward, A. Sneddon, Jock Sneddon, A. Rae,
E. Bartley, J. Kemp, M. Cook, D. Roach, J. Gemmell, J. Kembray
M. Ramage, G. Turnbull, W. Jarvie, J. Wardrop, J. Oglethorpe,
W. Sneddon, W. Ashman, W. Dodd, W. Scott, J. Cook

Cessnock Mountaineers

G. Wells, T. Jones, Pluggey Jackson, Chris Jackson, T. Jeffries,
N. Murray, A. Murdock, W. Robertson, W. Smith, Chris Callaghan
C. Harris, J. Stewart, A. Patrick, Jim Hill, J. Chalmers,
T. Winterbottom
Albert Patrick(Secretary)

Wallsend Royals

T. Jones, H. Pratten, B. Pratten, R. Morgan, A. Chiarelli
L. F. Ledbury, H. Stothard, J. Blair, R. Patterson, A. Roy,
Tommy Baird, J. Paterson, E. Brummell, J. Durie, J. Chapman.

Pelaw Main

W. Jones, R. Belford, C. Younger, L. Younger, D. Morrison,
W. Neil, E. Kessell, W. Norman, J. Crowley, C. Senior, D. Jones,
H. Lumney, T. Crowley, J. Rethers, J. Dyson, A. Wilson, F. Gernal,
J. Hodge, F. Picketts, E. Pickering, C. Creighton, H. Mackie,
J. Davies, L. Brown, A. Peters, A. Picken, D. Shepperd
G. Trowbridge(Secretary)

Wallsend Rovers

D. White, J. Farmer, J. Chapman, J. Davis, R. Dowson, R. Blair,
Bill Evans, S. Stewart, J. Shaw, H. Hepplewhite, R. Tait,
Smith, G. Jackson, R. Johnson.

West Wallsend

T. Brennan, J. Stewart, A. Burrows, L. Lee, S. See, R. Lewis, R. C. Stewart
W. Harden, W. Bainbridge, M. Lamb, A. Horne, B. Morgan, M. Giles,
J. Muir, J. Delacca, R. Stewart, E. Johnson, J. Cuthbert, W. Thompson,
J. Morrison, W. Morrison.
A. J. Gracie (Secretary)

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs (2nd Grade)

T. Doyle, H. Robinson, J. Gardiner, J. Morris, E. Sneddon, A. Thornton,
S. Harris, R. Davis, Jim Cunningham, W. Rennie, J. Waugh, A. Laverick,
W. Myers, T. McNaughton, C. Graham, D. Maher, D. Marchant, J. Sneddon,
J. Jones, E. Firth, R. Jackson, E. Harvey, A. Fairhall, J. Thomson,
J. Reay (Secretary Hamilton Park)

Wallerah (Catherine Hill Bay)

G. Campbell, J. Bassett, P. Parsons, R. Jenkins, B. Spinks, L. Billett,
A. O'Neill, E. Drummond, S. Ridley, W. Wiggs, T. Parsons, J. Outram
G. Gill, W. Parsons, W. Crook, W. Richardson, J. Fenwick, J. Archibold
A. Begbie, J. O'Neill, J. Campbell, C. Outram, T. Archibold, W. Peacock.

Weston (2nd Grade)

J. Cook, W. Dodd, D. Fraser, H. Kembrey, W. J. Kembrey, J. Freebairn,
W. Scott, J. Gemmell, C. Masters, C. Masters, M. Ramsay, W. McDonald,
R. Truscott, W. Jarvie, T. Wardrop, C. French, G. Turnbull, J. Robinson
J. Oglethorpe, W. Sneddon, W. Ashman, W. Davidson
E. Bartley (Secretary)

Adamstown Rosebud (3rd Grade)

J. Wallwork, G. Elliott, G. Geathers, T. Maxwell, H. Erskine
G. Farmer, M. Ryan, O. Watt, E. Rouse, N. Sheedy, T. Eggleston,
B. Russell, S. Keenan, R. Erskine, T. Watson, W. Geatches, H. Geatches,
T. Wailes, G. Warburton, J. Adams, S. Adamsthaite, J. Jennings,
B. Nelson, P. Roddon, J. Woods, R. McLeary, A. Hopton.

Minmi Wanderers (3rd Grade)

Adam Duncan, Joe Bilbie, George Jack, George Torrens,
Bill Lang, James Dick, Andrew Duncan, Bob Sneddon, John Wilson
John Wardrop, Tom Hodge, Bob Jack, John Bothwell, G. Bilbie,
J. Russell, J. Ramsay
Joe Bilbie (Secretary)

Pelaw Main (3rd Grade)

J. Scobie, B. Hughes, J. Outram, E. Jones, C. Trowbridge, M. Butler
C. Raddon, W. Yates, T. Kirkwood, T. Muir, J. Love, T. Madge,
R. Squires, A. Knowles, D. Thomas, T. Williams, J. Charlton, A. Porter
J. Greenwood, C. Turnbull, S. Clark, J. Archibold, J. Oglethorpe,
B. Oglethorpe, T. Armstrong, W. Norman, H. Tunney, W. Martin,
T. Picken, C. Hanley, A. Hooper.

Weston Advance (3rd Grade)

H. G. Jewell, W. Hallston, G. Turnbull, R. T. Elliott, D. Kembret,
G. Embleton, R. Dixon, E. French, J. Burt, E. Davis, M. Collins,
W. James, John Wardrop, Alec Gemmell, H. French

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs (3rd Grade)

W. Dunston, G. Thomas, A. Cunningham, J. Francis, H. Grubb, R. Bowling,
R. Arthur, G. Clark, A. Middleton, J. Cowburn, W. Langbridge,
R. Cairns, J. Erskine, W. Marchant, T. Brown, J. Brown, J. Waugh,
H. Gerrard, J. Cunningham, D. Davies, D. Beeton.

Charlestown Gamblers(3rd Grade)

R. Smith, F. Potter, W. Heath, W. Drinkwater, J. Hunter, H. Boone,
C. Burchall, A. Shaw, J. Broadbent, H. Vaisey, G. T. Mowbray,
S. Jewell, A. Blackman, G. Askey, W. Boyd, E. Heath, S. Paterson,
G. Broadbent, J. McKinnon, L. Burchall, J. Williams, H. Hancock,
E. Oswald, W. Unwin.
T. Gaddes(Secretary)

West Wallsend Bluebells(4th Grade)

J. Muir, T. Birrell, P. Turnbull, T. Coates, J. Earnshaw, J. Britt,
E. Slavin, J. Webster, J. Brennan, F. Williams, W. Walker,
O. Ford, J. Kaiser, W. Phillips, J. Harrison, W. Meredith

Adamstown Rosebud 4th Grade)

J. Dunn, A. Jennings, Rutley, J. Logan, Penman, Hadley, Ryan,
Graham, W. Burns, R. Stewart, H. Baldwin, A. Gillard, Howells,
W. Smith, Hawkins, A. Edden, M. Robertson, A. Dick, W. Powell
T. Pease, R. Winwood, E. Dixon, M. Perry, H. Warburton, Beddow.

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs(4th Grade)

R. Emery, W. Sneddon, R. Aitchison, H. Sneddon, A. Durston, D. Deakin,
J. Hughes, J. Mattick, W. Elliott, J. Gibson, J. Hargreaves,
A. Parsons, S. Grubb, W. Taylor, W. Maloney, N. Edden, J. Logan
W. Neal, W. Marquett, T. Davies, C. Robinson,

Minmi Rocks(4th Grade)

W. Currie, W. Grant, W. Banfield, S. Cottier, H. Ball, H. McKinnon,
H. Wardrop, J. Dixon, L. Sneddon, D. Jackson, L. Torrance,
H. Willoughby, W. Moyles, A. White.

Minmi Trilbys

G. Rennix, A. Renfrew, E. Wilson, J. Wilson, J. Barr, D. Cox,
W. Hamilton, J. Devon, W. Newton, E. Price, A. Chalmers, W. Brown
A. Shepherd, W. Evans, D. Harwood,
Bill Brown Secretary Main Road Minmi

Dudley Thistles(3rd Grade)

Bill Richmond, Alex Brown, Jim Gibbs, John Gibbs, Jim Hodge,
Bob Drury, John Parsons, John Jackson, Bob Anderson, Dave Jones,
Sam Cooper, W. Quinn, Jas Sutcliffe, Bill Doughan, Jack McDougall
Bill McDougall, A. F. Fyfe, Bill Kenny.
Bill Greener(Secretary)

West Wallsend Bluebells(3rd Grade)

C. Lewis, W. Lewis, W. Carson, T. Newell, J. Whitelaw, R. Skillings,
G. Mason, T. Gough, C. James, J. Bullock, R. Mowbray, M. Dial, T. Campbell,
D. Harrison, T. Richmond, A. Goodall, W. Taylor, H. Parkes,
R. Skillings Wilson Street West Wallsend

Minmi Squashers(4th Grade)

R. Well, G. Barr, G. Archibold, J. Bates, W. Ellis, H. Devon, J. Fergus,
J. Caddis, J. perry, T. Wilson, M. Colquhoun, J. Wells, R. Williams
W. Sneddon, Hamilton, Auld, B. Scott.

Pelaw Main(4th Grade)

J. Irving, R. Irving, L. Jones, A. Trowbridge, D. Reece, J. Radley
J. Smith, T. Hale, W. Wilson, C. Senior, D. Senior, J. Outram
T. Tunning, A. Gills, A. Anderson, J. Griffiths, J. Murphy,
R. Price, C. Kelly, D. Nesbitt, E. Creighton, T. Crowley, T. Wilson

Pelaw Main 4th Grade (Continued)

J. Browning, J. Campbell, C. Crimsom, W. Williams, A. Hodges, H. Jones
P. Roddon,
C. Trowbridge (Secretary Abermain)

Cessnock Starlights (4th Grade)

R. Pate, J. Freebairn, N. Thompson, F. Mark, W. Wells, A. Stewart.
W. Pate, J. Ward, L. Lane, G. Boyle, S. Andrews, A. Howard, T. Jeffries,
C. Henderson, P. Martin, W. Maher, W. Hodgetts

West Wallsend Bluebells (B)

J. Conn, A. Cowie, H. Hall, C. Lee, J. Carson, R. Hillary, J. Lombard,
A. McLaughlin, J. Swann, W. West, S. Johnson, J. Mason, N. Yeates
W. McLure, T. Slater, T. Carson, J. Lord, T. Cook, C. Thomson,
G. McNeil, R. Rae, W. Heeney, F. Harold, W. Cherry, H. Walls, J. Evans
W. Hughes, J. Dellaway, B. Chalmers, L. Lord, J. Muir, R. Henderson,
S. Coates.

East Greta

R. Coulton, A. Coulton, A. Jowett, A. Lavender, R. Cartwright
J. W. Kerr, P. Parker, A. Parker, T. Cantwell, M. Cook, R. Cook, C. Bunn,
T. Smith, H. Bews, J. Jones,
H. Bews (Secretary)

Heddon Greta (2nd Grade)

R. Squires, A. Hodges, R. Hume, T. Picken, H. Hodges, M. Porter,
A. Porter, A. Turnbull, W. Williams, J. Roberts, C. Creighton,
W. Byewater, T. Kirkwood, R. Robson, T. Hume, J. Manning, G. Oakley
C. Porter, G. Hodges, A. Andrews, B. Palmer, C. Bunn, J. Jowett,
C. Lavender, G. Matich, T. Phillips, A. Aitchison,
J. Sneddon (Heddon Greta later in season withdrew from
competition)

East Greta 2nd Grade)

G. Rosser, E. W. Hinman, J. Genge, J. Walton, J. Williams, S. Williams,
J. Cook, C. Maxwell, H. Bews, J. Lindsay, W. Reis, G. Morgan

Cessnock Mountaineers (2nd Grade)

J. Willie, J. Gorton, A. Thomas, J. Winning, Joe Jones, W. Lobley,
A. Ray, G. Humphries, A. Dunn, J. Bullard, W. Fullick, S. Wilson
P. Porter, C. Weakley, P. Vergoine, P. Parker, R. Wilson, Perce Parker.

Teralba Rangers (2nd Grade)

C. Dudley, T. O'Brien, J. Stubbs, A. Barnes, F. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson,
W. McLaughlin, C. Richardson, A. Cherry, J. Peel, J. McAlpine,
G. Wilson, W. Derricott, J. Goodall, D. Pritchard, Alf Ashman
J. O'Brien,
J. Coates (Secretary)

Adamstown Rosebud (2nd Grade)

J. Askew, E. Price, C. Lilley, George Nix, Reynolds, J. Filby,
J. Gardner, P. Roddon, W. Loydon, Stan Harris, C. Baldwin,
J. Dixon, J. Pollock, J. Jennings, C. Jennings, S. Hadley, J. Gray
H. Price, Burt, B. Russell, J. Bush, W. Dixon, J. Danvers, J. Buxton,
G. Davis, J. Loveday.

West Wallsend (2nd Grade)

J. Durrant, A. Hodge, H. Ford, Ern Johnson, E. E. Wilson, T. Hughes
R. Henderson, J. Stewart, M. Lamb, J. Cuthbert, A. Gracie, F. Ford
J. Dellaca, R. Ferguson, R. Stewart, J. Armour, R. Everson,
S. Coates, A. Cowie, J. Mason,

Minmi Squashers (2nd Grade)

J. Oliver, J. Ashton, J. Renfrew, J. Brown, J. Lewis, J. Mowatt,
J. Thomson, J. Wells, T. Wells, F. Murnane, G. Oliver, R. Cain,
P. Wheatley, G. Price, J. McLaughlin, G. Lennard, W. Chalmers,
G. B. Oliver Jnr (Secretary)

Registered Referees

Alec Begbie (Plattsburg) John Brown (Minmi)
George Myers (Hamilton) J. D. Hamilton (Adamstown)
George Johnson (Teralba) Chas Faith (Holmesville)
Jas Houston (Stockton) Fred Jennings (Adamstown)

Schools Competition

West Wallsend

C. Knudson, P. Slavin, R. Turnbull, J. Leckie, S. Wright, J. Walls
J. Stenhouse, H. Howell, J. Armour, E. Robinson, W. Grills, E. Mason
D. Campbell, W. Turnbull, P. Williams, A. McIntyre, J. Durie,
J. Brewster.

Adamstown

A. Dunn, W. Lewis, B. Gardner, J. Jenkins, W. Jones, H. Smith, S. Bush
Charlie Nix, O. Lewis, G. Pollock, A. Fraser, R. Nichols,
J. Shipley

Plattsburg

J. Dunbar, T. Colquhoun, W. Stein, R. Lidbury, W. Cameron, C. Ward,
G. Hancock, D. Howe, R. Estell, A. Outram, J. Jobling, A. Hopkins,
E. Baldwin, N. Wakeman, A. Morris, J. Bennett, F. Bennett,
H. Brown, T. Devon, L. Clements, S. Smith, H. Hoff, J. Broadfoot.

Hamilton

E. Horner, E. Hodges, J. Stevenson, E. R. Allen, Rupert Allen,
G. Atkinson, C. Beck, A. Crampton, A. Patrick, J. Beckley, C. Rae,
A. Myers, J. O'Brien, A. Cook, H. Mullane, D. Griffiths,
H. O'Shannessy, G. Patterson, W. Middleton, S. Anderson,
G. Kerr, W. McNaughton, G. Murchie, S. Krampink.

Minmi

F. Harvey, J. Richards, D. Williams, P. McLaughlin, H. Knight,
R. Clark, R. Dobie, H. Lennard, P. Renfrew, H. Glossop, H. Bath,
J. Chalmers, E. Laxton, A. Woods, R. Perry, E. Knott, J. Hogg
J. Fairlie, S. Banfield, H. Shields, W. Black, J. Gill, A. Pugh
G. Williams, H. Shears, C. Muir, J. Brown, W. Whitley, H. Renfrew,
H. Brown.

Wallsend

A. Lonsdale, B. O'Donnell, T. Mahoney, T. Wilkinson, S. Dobell,
C. Murnain, H. Morgan, F. McCroary, H. Bennett, W. King,
A. Creighton, C. Pepperall, A. Drysdale, C. Bennett, B. Bower,
W. Maddison.

Lower Grades

In the 2nd Grade, the entries were Teralb Rangers, Hamilton, Kurri Kurri, Adamstown Rosebud, Merewether Advance, West Wallsend and Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs.

The final was played between Adamstown Rosebud (3) and Teralba Rangers (0)

The Teams were

Adamstown Rosebud	3 v Teralba Rangers	0
Morris	Coates	
L. Sneddon	Peel	
C. Lilley	McLaughlin	
Hopton	J. McAlpine	
Harris	W. McAlpine	
Jennings	E. Japson	
B. Jennings	F. Wilkins	
H. Robinson	T. O'Brien	
E. Price	J. Stubbs	
Edwards	J. Brown	
M. Roach	J. Barnes	

Referee Mr Ellis.

In the 3rd Grade, the entries were Kurri Kurri, Weston Advance, Hamilton, Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs, Wallsend Rovers, Wallsend Royals, Killingsworth Violets, West Wallsend, Merewether Advance, Minmi Wanderers, Dudley Thistles, Windy Creek, Minmi Squashes.

The final was between Minmi Wanderers and Minmi Squashes with Wanderers being the winners

Wanderers team was R. Jack, J. Bilbie, G. Rennix, J. Wells, W. Brown, A. Duncan, N. McLeish, A. Renfrew, J. Russell, W. Long, A. Shepherd, E. H. Emery, J. Dick, J. Hinman, D. Cox.

Juniors

In the junior division, 11 entries were received. In the final, Adamstown defeated West Wallsend.

Adamstown's winning team was J. Dunne, M. Edden, R. Stewart, R. Winwood, E. Dixon, A. Jennings, N. Lee, T. Turnbull, H. Ryan, T. Beddow, R. Love, J. Logan, W. Powell

Referee's

J. D. Hamilton, E. Gilpin, F. Jennings, H. Spiers, J. Houston, W. McLeish, W. Maxwell, W. Neal, C. Faith, W. Ellis.

Schools

In the school competition six entries were received.

FORMATION OF Weston

WESTON

It was late in 1906, when the Hutton Coal Mining complex (Newcastle) sent a party of workmen to develop the site at Hebburn Colliery near Weston

Among this group were quite a number of soccer enthusiasts from the Adamstown area. One, Ed Bartley, a former Rosebud official, and one of five brothers who all wore with distinction the Rosebud colours, persuaded a group to form a soccer club. It was rather an unofficial sort of meeting

At this stage, the Rosebuds were a divided club, so Bartley knew he could muster a few discontents to strengthen his Weston team. Bartley submitted an application to the N.D.B.F.A. for a senior and 2nd Junior grade teams. On his application he submitted the following details —

1. *Name of club* — Weston Advance
2. *Colours* — Black with red hoops
3. *Ground* — Weston Cricket Ground.
4. *Secretary* — Ed Bartley.
5. *Players Registered* —

Senior team: A. Elliott, A. Bailey, A. Bartley, A. Ward, A. Sneddon, Jack Sneddon, Jas Sneddon, A. Rae, E. Bartley, F. Bartley, J. Kemp, M. Cook, D. Roach.

2nd Juniors: J. Cook, W. Dodd, D. Fraser, H. Kembrey, W. J. Kembrey, J. Fregburn, W. Scott, J. Gemmell, C. Masters, M. Ramsay, W. McDonald, W. Jarvie, R. Tinscott, T. Wardrop, C. French, G. Turnbull, J. Robinson, J. Ogilthorpe, W. Sneddon, W. Ashman, W. Davidson.

The senior grade only attracted three entries, Rosebuds, Royal Arthur, Weston.

For the Ellis Cup, only two entries were received — Weston and Royal Arthur (Broadmeadow)

The association decided that three matches be played — one on each home ground and the third on a neutral ground

The first tie, played at Weston, ended in a 1 all draw and over 500 people welcomed the new sport. Ashman scored Weston's goal.

In the second clash at Broadmeadow, the scores were level at 2 all with five minutes left to play. The locals scored again but uproar resulted as neutrals argued that the ball had missed the Weston upright, to be kicked back into play by a spectator and snapped up by a Broadmeadow player and kicked into net. Pandemonium broke out and Weston left the field in protest.

The association conducted an inquiry and refused Weston's demand for a replay. Their scorers were A. Rae and D. Roach. The Weston club then withdrew from the series.

The club had grown in depth as a strong 3rd grade team comprising H. Jewell, W. Hailstone, G. Turnbull, T. Elliott, D. Kembrey, G. Embleton, R. Dixon, E. France, J. Burt, E. Davis, M. Collins, W. James, John Wardrop and Alec Gemmell played a series of fruitful friendlies against Pelaw Main, Kurri Royals, Heddon Greta, East Greta and Greta. The club officials showed ambition by entering the Gardiner Cup (Statewide) along with their old rivals, Broadmeadow.

Their first tie took them to Sydney where they put up a keen fight before bowing out to Pyrmont by 2 to 0

This match was of some historical interest as it was the first time a Coalfield team had entered this Statewide series.

In 1908, Bartley disappeared from the scene and J. Robinson was elected secretary. For the first time a 3rd grade team entered the N.D.B.F.A.

Registered players were — R. Dixon, D. Gilpin, A. Jennings, J. Robinson, J. Jarvie, J. Wardrop, D. Kembrey, G. Turnbull, B. Hardesty, W. McDonald, T. Elliott, G. Embleton, W. Jarvie, G. Lynch, H. Kembrey, J. Williams, J. McCabe, D. Carney, Geo. Muir.

Here research by Weston's former president, Mr. Alan Lamb, makes a worthy contribution to this club's history.

The club was made a local one and a meeting was held in Mrs Hales' Cafe in Aberdare Street, Weston, attracting over 25 enthusiasts. A civic identity, Mr. S. R. Phillips, chaired the first four meetings as it was made clear that the town needed a soccer club. A former Adamstown official, Mr. Peter Finlayson, also gave valuable advice.

Season 1909 was an uneventful one for Weston but the club co-operated with other Coalfield clubs to stage the West Australia v Coalfield XI at Maitland in May. Weston's two representatives were A. McNaughton and W. Ashman.

The arrival in Weston of former English player, Bill Hindmarsh, proved a boon to the club. Colours were changed to black and white stripes with black knickers. The team re-entered the senior ranks and players registered were — Bondi Neal, A. Lavender, C. Cartwright, J. Bullawell, A. McNaughton, A. Cook, A. Jennings, J. O'Brien, J. Barnes, C. Burn and J. Jowett.

In 1911, the club played in the 3rd grade and the following players were used — Dixon, Jarvie, Hindmarsh, Jarvie, Bates, Smith, Sneddon, Logan, Harker, Crowley, Turnbull.

In 1912, Weston entered a strengthened 2nd grade series in which Merewether, West Wallsend, Killingworth and Weston staged a keen and prolonged battle for supremacy. In the semi-finals, Weston beat West Wallsend by 2 to 1, and Killingworth outed Merewether by 2 to 1.

In the final replay Weston beat Killingworth by 1 to 0, the important goal being netted by Ord, after a 3 all draw. Weston's eleven included — Smith, Jarvie, Hindmarsh, Williams, W. Sneddon, J. Sneddon, Smith, Bates, Keeling, Ord, Mather.

These last three games made soccer Weston's top sport and Hindmarsh and Mather were the season's stars. Great local enthusiasm marked Weston's progress in the 1913 second grade series, which contained 10 entrants. After a hectic campaign, Weston met Minmi in second semi-final as a result, a scoreless draw. In replay, Weston outed their rivals by 2 to 0 — in the final played at Holmesville, Merewether took out the title by 2 to 1.

In semi-final, Weston's XI was Logan, Hindmarsh, Gilmour, Williams, Cameron, Mather, Sneddon, Kidd, Beverley, McNaughton, Tweedle — in the final, Bowie in goal, Stoker, Tickle replaced Logan, Beverley and Sneddon. Players J. Bates and B. Stephenson also were regulars.

In 1914, Weston entered both senior and second grade premier-ship. In the former, Weston won the flag on 10 points with Merewether on 9, West Wallsend 8, Cessnock 8 and Wallsend 3.

Big capture was Lambert, Ramage, Dave Clark, Dick Austen and Jim Bellamy. In the Ellis Cup, Weston 4 beat Minmi 3 after being 3 down at the interval. Rain fell unceasingly and Weston used correct tactics to snatch the winning goal in the 89th minute.

In the semi-final, Weston beat Wallsend by 3 to 0 but were beaten in the final 1 to 0 by Merewether.

Their final team comprised — H. Smith, J. Gilmour, A. Ramage, J. Snedden, R. Austen, J. Laird, J. Wardlaugh, D. Clarke, W. Lambert, W. Snedden, J. Bellamy.

Others who played in the series were J. Mather, J. Stoker, Kidd, Tweedle, Johnson.

Stoker and D. Clarke won interdistrict honours. In the Gardiner Cup series, Weston beat West Wallsend (3 to 1), Holroyd (2 to 0) but failed by 3 to 2 v Granville in the State semi-final. Scorers for Weston were D. Clarke and W. Lambert. Weston's XI — H. Smith, J. Gilmour, A. Ramage, R. Austen, J. Laird, J. Snedden, J. Wardlaugh, D. Clarke, W. Lambert, J. Stoker, J. Bellamy.

World War I saw many defections by enlistments in A.I.F. Weston entered 2nd Grade series so Lambert, Gilmour, Ramage, Clarke, Mather joined West Wallsend. Despite the loss of this outstanding talent, Weston created much local enthusiasm by taking out the 2nd Grade title by beating a much fancied rival, Adamstown, by 5 to 2. The "Geordies" fielded brilliant newcomers in Jack Avis, Bob Austen, Duxfield, Herb Bellamy.

Many oldtimers tell how this final victory rekindled enthusiasm in Weston during the trying war years. Their final eleven comprised — Bob Austen, Hindmarsh, J. Henry, Dick Austen, J. Snedden, Duxfield, Avis, H. Bellamy, W. Beverley, J. Veitch, J. Bellamy. Scorers in that final were J. Bellamy (2), Avis (2), Beverley (1).

War conditions altered competitions in 1916 and the "All Aged" was the top ranking series.

Weston entered two teams, "A" and "B", and after seven series Weston "B" topped on 13 points, Weston "A" on 11, Newcastle on 10 and Wallsend on 9 — which quarter qualified for semi-finals. In first semi-final, Weston "A" and Newcastle played 0 all draw but Weston won the replay by 2 to 0. In the second semi-final, Weston "B" outed Wallsend by 2 to 0.

What a sensation for the club — "A" v "B" in the final on the Homestead Ground. Gate was £78 at 6d. for males, ladies free. After 90 gruelling minutes, in which both contestants shared the honours — score *NIL ALL*. After the final whistle, referee J. Sanderson said, "I've never refereed a better game. Both sets of players gave of their best and the crowd cheered them on."

Teams were — "A": Herb Smith, Morgan, Campbell, Kell, Snedden, Duxfield, Clarke, Taylor, Johnson, Brunskill, Davis. "B" Wes Smith, Lambert, Henry, Taft, Hollingsworth, Dick Austen, Beverley, Gilbertson, R. Austen, McNaughton, Henry Tweddle — Avis was unavailable.

The replay was taken to Blackburn Oval to allow Newcastle fans to see these two great elevens in action. But nature deposed and the game was played under very wet conditions. It was a very overcast day and players had great difficulty in controlling the impish ball. Wes Smith was replaced in goal by Bob Austen and Jack Avis led the attack. It was well into the second half, when Avis netted the all important goal.

The All Aged idea was repeated in 1917 but Weston's two teams were differently labelled — Weston Albions (blue and white) and Weston Magpies (black and white).

With a competition of eight teams — a full series of 14 matches were completed. Weston Albions and West Wallsend were equal on the top with 20 points, Wallsend on 19 and Weston Magpies on 18.

By the luck of the draw, the two Weston teams were together in the second semi-final played at Abermain. Over 1,000 fans packed into the park where they had drama after drama — a riot — nearby mounted troopers called to clear the ground — final result 1 all draw.

Teams: *Magpies* — H. Smith, Campbell, Snedden, Kell, Shields, Duxfield, H. Bellamy, Barker, Cornigan, R. Tweddle, J. Bellamy.

Albions — R. Austen, Lambert, Hicks, D. Austen, Strange, Wake, McNaughton, Avis, Graham, J. Tweddle.

Scorers: *Magpies* 1 (J. Bellamy) v *Albions* 1 (McNaughton).

Fearing further trouble, the replay was taken to Blackburn Oval. When Albion won by 3 to 0 Taylor replaced Wake in the Albion team while Patterson and Lynch replaced Barker and Cornigan in the *Magpies'* eleven.

Scorers for Albion were J. Avis (2) and Tweddle (1).

A week later in the final on the same enclosure, Wallsend ran out winners by 2 to 0, both goals to Bert Mansfield, who later became a leading Methodist Clergyman.

Albion XI — R. Austen, W. Lambert, J. Hicks, D. Austen, J. Strange, H. Hollingsworth, McNaughton, B. Taylor, J. Avis, L. Graham, W. Tweddle. During this season, eight Westonsites gained inter-district honours. To aid coal production for the war effort, localised competitions were in full force in 1918.

Weston won the Hemmings Cup without suffering a loss, scoring 20 goals for and 5 against. But all eyes turned to the fight for the famous Gardiner Cup. Any two South Maitland All Aged teams were allowed to unite for this trophy so Weston United was the chosen name for the Homestead contenders. In first round Weston 1 beat Wallsend 0 — protest was upheld and in replay a bitterly fought 1 all draw. In further replay, Weston ran out winners by 5 to 0.

In the Cup semi-final, Weston 3 beat Cessnock 1 and qualified to meet Balmain Kiara at Epping. The game drew a crowd of over 2,000 and the only goal was netted by Duxfield giving the Coalies their first Gardiner Cup.

Balmain lodged a series of protests which were all ruled out. When the Cup winners returned to Weston on the Sunday night, a huge crowd of 5,000 plus the local band gave them a right royal welcome.

However, the Gardiner Cup did not arrive with the team. It came later after the series of frivolous protests were rejected.

Weston's final team included — Bob Austen, Bill Lambert (Capt.), J. Henry, Dick Austen, H. Hollingworth, J. Duxfield, Bill Beverley, Len Pugh, Jack Avis, Andy McNaughton, Jim Bellamy — only two Australian-born players. Andy McNaughton and Len Pugh.

The 1919 season was badly affected by the influenza epidemic and attendances at the Homestead were severely affected. However, Weston retained the Hemmings Cup by beating Cessnock in final by 2 to 1. Trouble marked the last 10 minutes of play. When Avis netted the winning goal, Cessnock appealed for "off-side". Arguments began and one Cessnock player was ordered off. The other Cessnock players left the field. Later the Cup was awarded to Weston and Cessnock reprimanded for its unsporting action. The club officials apologised.

In their quest to retain the Gardiner Cup, "The Geordies" went down gallantly. In sequence, Weston beat Balmain Caledonians (1 to 0), Canterbury (0 all) (9 to 0) in replay in semi-final 0 all v West Wallsend, beaten 3 to 0 in replay — forced to play second half with 10 players.

More settled conditions marked the 1920 season. Four young stars in Tommy Oliver, Keith Rodgers, Sam Hawke and Jim Logan were included in the first. Jack "Kewpie" Mather suffered a serious leg injury which ended his long and meritorious career with the club. Whilst in the A.I.F. abroad, he received an offer to join Aston Villa in 1918. Later, he became a State Director and a great worker and asset to the code. In 1936, he returned to North of England to Blyth to take over the family business. Later, he passed away in 1937 at Kenton near Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In the semi-final, Weston was knocked out by Wallsend (3 to 0). Weston XI — Cockburn, Endean, Oliver, Rodgers, Lambert, Creighton, Self, Taylor, Avis, Hawke, J. Bellamy.

In the Gardiner Cup semi-final, after playing a 2 all draw against the strong Balmain Fernieigh XI — Weston bowed out to the tune of 2 to 1. Jack Avis with 12 was the season's top scorer.

Before the curtain had fallen on the 1921 season, stark tragedy hit the Homestead club. Its captain and stalwart defender, Bill Lambert, was fatally injured in Hebburn Mine. Injured in a fall of coal, he fought for four days but died on the Saturday.

A special chapter on Weston's string of tragedies is told elsewhere. Again Avis with 12 goals was the club's leading scorer.

A clever young centre, "Crabbie" McCroarey joined the Homestead squad in 1922 along with Penman, Jock Martin, Geo. Avis, Richardson, Bates and Adams. Jack Avis missed many games through injury. The club's chief achievement was to qualify for Kerr Cup final v Wallsend, which they won rather easily by 5 to 1. Weston's XI was — R. Cockburn, T. Oliver, J. Penman, G. Avis, J. Martin, J. Bates, H. Adams, C. Richardson, J. McCroarey, J. Gilmour, J. Mather. Their life in the Gardiner Cup was brief — out in 1st round to Wallsend by 1 to 0. Scorers were Gilmour (17), McCroarey (15). In 1923, new signatures included Creighton, Liddle, Derricott, Lloyd, Rodgers, while Jack Avis, fit again, became the club's regular pivot.

Weston qualified for the semi-finals and after eliminating Wallsend by 1 to 0, went on to take the season's honours by a 3 to 2 win over Adamstown. Weston's final team included R. Austen, T. Oliver, J. Bates, A. Liddle, J. Avis, H. Bellamy, J. Gallagher, J. Gilmour, J. McCroarey, J. Grant, H. Adams.

Season's chief scorers were: J. McCroarey (20) and J. Gilmour (11). New faces on the Homestead turf in 1924 included Jim Farrey, J. Wigham, E. Tate, J. Mathieson and G. Grant. Success this season was very limited. In the Kerr Cup semi-final, Weston were outed by Adamstown by 4 to 0 while West Wallsend by 3 to 0 ended their Gardiner Cup quest. Goal scoring revealed McCroarey at the top with 17 goals.

Season 1925 saw the arrival at Weston of Jacky Manion from nearby Abermain. A speedy attacker, Manion often gave a classical demonstration of sheer brilliance. He soon became a favourite on all Northern grounds.

The results were only ordinary yet the team managed to make the Kerr Cup final, when it was soundly thrashed by Adamstown by 9 to 2. Their eleven on that day comprised R. Austen, J. Grant, J. Maloney, Liddle, J. Avis, R. McDonald, Tate, Richardson, McCroarey, Manion, Stroker — as many rabid club loyalists remarked, "a day to forget!"

The club lost the Stevenson Cup final by 5 to 2 to Cessnock. The same opposition ended their Gardiner Cup run by 2 to 1. Chief goal-scorers were McCroarey (19) and J. Manion (13).

In 1926, improved goalscoring results by Manion (20), McCroarey (17), W. Avis (11), added strength to the Geordies' challenge for honours.

When Neath withdrew, Weston received the services of Henwood, Purcell and Drinkwater. While a volatile junior, Jimmy McNabb wore the club's colours for the first time. Despite two brilliant goals by Manion, Weston was ko'ed by Adamstown by 5 to 2 in Kerr Cup semi-final. It is worthy to note that the club's reserve eleven beat Pelaw Main by 4 to 3 in final. Winning team comprised Turner, Butler, Smith, Rogerson, E. Williams, Patterson, H. Bellamy, Tate, Bryce, Williams, Marnott.

For 1927, there were many changes in the Homestead staff. Bob Austen went to Cessnock, Farrey to Kurri, Drinkwater to Aberdare, while McCroarey's appearances were limited due to a knee injury. Among new arrivals were Charlie Thompson, T. McNabb, R. Gibson, Blane and the Williams brothers "Dummy" and Ellis.

The early exit from the Gardiner Cup by Cessnock rocked the confidence of the team. Manion had a highly successful season with 32 goals with "Dummy" Williams on 15. With the advent of the

State League, Weston's recruitment included W. Victor, E. Mitchell, W. Weir, Sid Masters, Doyle, Jim Kemp, along with old stalwarts in Manion, McNabb, Charlie Thompson, McCroarey, R. Gibson.

Weston did well in the inaugural State Cup by qualifying for the final, in which tie it went down to Aberdare. Its eleven included: S. Tredennick, W. Victor, J. McNabb, J. McCroarey, C. Thompson, E. Mitchell, E. Tate, W. Weir, J. Manion, R. Gibson, S. Masters. Chief goalscorers were Manion (35), McCroarey (12), Manion taking out the honour for the State. Eight of his tally were scored in State Cup ties. For the 1929 campaign, Weston sought reinforcements and Muir (West Wallsend), H. Biggers (Cessnock), H. Walters (Cardiff), W. Whitelaw (Cessnock), were signed.

Then the advent of a breakaway State League in 1943 saw Weston, like all other Coalfields clubs, out in the cold. Shakespeare, J. Kemp, J. Leddon, Arby Jenkins, Drinkwater and Paddocks did not return. Only "Sketa" Wilkinson and Ern Kemp remained. Local recruits included Humble, Ron Wilkinson, K. Bellamy, A. Maxwell, J. Atkinson, W. Langlands, A. Hindmarsh. Humble on 16 was the only double-figure scorer.

The future for the famous club was bleak to say the least. Like all champion clubs, time generally brings bad days, financial problems and relegation.

In 1944-45, Weston struggled in an inferior Northern League; 1946 in 2nd Division, while there followed several seasons of total shutdown. Even Abermain Park was their home venue without success.

Seasons 1953-1961 formed a period of depression and negative results. In 1963 Weston secured ninth place in a 10 team 2nd Division, but the following season there were signs of a recovery with 16 wins and one loss. In the semi-final, Weston beat Belmont-Swansea by 3 to 1 and beat Dudley by 2 to 1 in the 2nd Division final. Its final eleven comprised: W. Mahoney, C. Allanson, T. Harper, B. Davies, E. Kemp Jr., R. Morris, J. Sneddon, N. Jackson, J. Drinkwater, M. Hamilton, G. Heaney.

That success won promotion back to 1st Division and a new era of triumph was well under way.

The 1964 season was a hard road back. Best success was in the Under 21 years grade where Weston and Wallsend topped the table on 30 points each. In that young group under care of J. Drinkwater, the following players showed great promise: C. Jurd, R. Morris, R. Mort, A. McDonald, M. Vernon, N. Clifton, B. Oliver, C. Rae, R. Hindmarsh, G. McSweeney.

In the senior ranks, Gary Heaney (12), N. Jackson (12), Ian Thompson (10) were top scorers, while Max Hamilton, Bill Mahoney, Noel Maddison, B. Davies, E. Kemp Jr., R. Hines, K. Urwin were regulars.

For the 1966 season, new recruits included J. Kidd, J. Sheen, A. Lambkin, T. Harper. The club finished in tenth position out of 12 and was eliminated in the first round of the Craven A Cup by Mayfield.

A similar disappointing return came in 1967, but with a re-organised committee headed by a local businessman, Mr. Alan Lamb, the whole concept was altered in 1968.

Lamb realised that there was a dearth of talent among local juniors so he persuaded the club to request player, Ian Thompson to scout overseas for new recruits. The first of this contingent arrived for the 1968 season. Locals enrolled were J. Smith (goalie), A. McDonald, J. Power, T. Barr, Tom Sneddon, G. Norgard and W. Barker. The new policy paid dividends as Weston qualified for the premiership semi-final for first time in a decade. Despite a terrific effort, it went down to Belmont-Swansea by 3 to 2. Weston's eleven comprised: Smith, McDonald, T. Barr, Lambkin, J. Taylor, J. Power, W. Barker, T. Sneddon, G. Norgard, J. Sloan, G. Heaney.

1907 Formation of Cessnock

CESSNOCK

On several occasions during the last 20 years, doubt has been expressed about the birth of soccer in Cessnock.

To get down to the basic truths, the writer began a detailed research including personal interviews with old Bob Harden (ex-'Vest' Wallsend skipper), Tom Rennix, "Tup" Rennex, Alf Brunsell, Alex Renfrew and others.

But the truth of this problem came out when a former Secretary of the N.D.B.F.A., Mr. George Reay of Dudley, presented me with both the official minute-book and registrar of players book for the period 1902-1911.

This indicated clearly that soccer started in Cessnock in April, 1907. A group of 15 sportsmen met on a vacant allotment just south of the Cessnock Railway Station. Many of these enthusiasts were recent arrivals from Minmi, West Wallsend, Greta and Stockton. The Pate brothers, Bob and Wal, along with Andy Stewart, formed the first executive. Colours chosen were black shirt with green hoops. Name of club was registered as Cessnock Starlights. The first ground was a large vacant area near where the Aberdare Park was established 15 years later.

Full list of players was: J. Freeburn, R. Pate, N. Thompson, F. Mark, W. Willis, A. Stewart, W. Pate, J. Ward, O. Lane, G. Voiger, S. Adams, A. Howard, C. Henderson, P. Martin, W. Marsh, W. Hedderley, J. Jeffries.

The first match was between Minmi Squashers and the Starlights at Cessnock on 17th May, 1907 — won by Minmi by 3 to 1. The social side of the visit was a great success as within three months, over five of that Minmi eleven were back working in Cessnock. It is worth noting that the first certificated referee living in Cessnock was Geo. Newton, late of Lambton.

There was soon a demand for better soccer. Luckily the club affairs fell into the hands of former Minmi official, Tom Rennex. At the beginning of 1908, Rennex submitted a senior entry — Cessnock Mountaineers. Rennex in his address to the delegates, painted such a glowing picture of the code's progress, that first class status was gained. Within months, a strong combination was practising — including Bob Harden, H. Freeburn, W. Robertson, J. Valance, J. Chalmers, J. Cook, J. Johnston, W. Taylor, H. Barr, T. Hill, W. Orwald, F. Fleming, W. Priestley, A. Durne, J. Milne, W. Taylor.

The first senior match in Cessnock in May, 1908 was Adams-town v Cessnock — result 2 all draw. A month later, Cessnock had a clever 3 to 1 win over Royal Arthurs — a team which included such well known players as Jack Doyle, "Broiggy" Elgey, Andy McNaughton, Bob Lidbury, Fred Jennings, Dave Russell and J. Jones. The Cessnock's Second grade team included: J. Tate, J. Turnbull, T. Spowart, J. Harden, A. Blain, J. Wardrop, E. Callaghan, J. Ashman, J. Lewis, J. Stewart, P. Parker, G. Clark, W. Taylor and E. Sneddon. The round ball game had been successfully planted at the western end of the Coalfields, to where hundreds of workers flocked for permanent work in the recently opened collieries.

In 1909, travelling difficulties saw Cessnock institute a S. Maitland premiership with teams from Cessnock, Weston, Kurri and East Greta, with Cessnock taking out the honours. The players involved included Bob Harden, J. Freeburn, C. Callaghan, T. Russell, J. Ballard, R. Leckie, T. Spowart, T. Jeffreys, A. Fauld, A. Blain, T. Wardrop, J. Wardrop, J. Marshall, J. Williams. Other honours were the inclusion of four players, Bob Harden, W. Howe, T. Wardrop and A. Corrigan in the first ever S. Maitland representative eleven versus West Australia in Maitland.

In 1911, there was renewed enthusiasm and it was a great achievement for Cessnock to beat Merewether in the Ellis Cup final by 2 to 1. The players were — T. Spowart, G. Rennex, J. Harden, A. Walker, J. Gaul, A. Renfrew, R. Harden, C. Waite, W. Faulds, J. Brown, W. Clayton, Andy Renfrew, J. Clarke.

The season 1912 saw Cessnock again retain the coveted Ellis Cup by beating West Wallsend in final replay by 1 to 0 after 1 all draw at their first meeting. Tup Rennex converted a penalty to decide the issue. The club colours were changed to black and gold — a suggestion adopted after letter from a keen supporter of Wolverhampton Wanderers and a Scot from Aberdeen.

The arrival in Cessnock of two former Scottish juniors, brothers Jimmy and Wal Thomson, were outstanding gains. Jimmy Thomson hailed from Ormiston Star's near Elphinstone. Jimmy Thomson soon became an outstanding back. He was on the point of signing professional forms for the famous Edinburgh's Hearts of Midlothian when he decided to migrate to Australia with his brother Wal, a very clever inside-forward. Cessnock eleven in final included T. Spowart, G. Rennex, J. Thomson, A. Walker, J. Gaul, A. Renfrew, C. Waite, W. Thomson, W. Faulds, J. Brown, H. Clayton.

In 1913, Jimmy Thomson captained a Newcastle XI v Queensland at Newcastle, winning by 2 to 1 — J. Clarke was Cessnock's other representative. Later in the season, a Combined Northern XI was chosen to tour Queensland — four Cessnock players won inclusion: Jimmy Thomson (Capt.), R. Elgey, W. Brown, Wal Thomson.

Cessnock third grade lost the final to Minmi by 2 to 1.

Cessnock entered the Gardiner Cup for first time and after a 2 all draw at Cessnock went out by 1 to 0 in replay in Sydney against Balmain Gladstones.

Cessnock's first eleven in a Gardiner Cup tie comprised: R. Elgey, J. Thomson (Capt.), A. Rennex, W. Brown, J. Clarke, J. Marshall, Wal Thomson, W. McBlane, J. Brown, H. Clayton, A. Renfrew.

In replay, Stevenson and Turner replaced the injured J. Brown and H. Clayton. In the inter-district game Newcastle v Sydney in Sydney, J. Thomson and J. Clarke won caps. World War I upset the usual competitions, but J. Thomson, J. Laird won inter-district honours again. However, Cessnock went down to Merewether by 2 to 1 for the Kerr Cup or premierships final.

Cessnock XI for that game was: Harold, Ross, G. Rennix, Anderson, Laird, J. Thomson, Renfrew, Colquhoun, Hancock, Davis, J. Toweth.

At the annual meeting early in 1917, the club officials reported that 33 club players had joined the Services. With a shortage of senior players Cessnock entered the "All Aged" series.

The focus in this era turned towards Weston where the Homestead ground became the centre for soccer activity. In 1918, two Cessnock teams entered the All Aged 5. Maitland series, but Weston took out the Heming Cup by 2 to 1 against Cessnock "B".

Important was the Cessnock Under-18 years team which finished on top of the series, but was knocked out by Kurri in the semi-final. The players were: Rennex, Player, Diver, G. Williams, Gibson, Stewart, Waite, Brown, Fairhall, Elliott, Hafey, Roe, Stevenson, Hodge, Hedley.

During this season, J. Thomson, Brunskill, A. Renfrew, Hancock, Davis won places in the district eleven. In the 1919 Heming Cup

final, Cessnock met Weston and led by 1 to 0 at half-time. However, there were dramatic scenes in second half. Weston equalised and in the 72nd minute Avis scored the winning goal — Cessnock protested "off-side" and left the field.

At a special meeting the Cup was awarded to Weston and Cessnock reprimanded for its unsporting action

Both linesmen agreed with referee's decision.

Cessnock officials tendered an apology

Top scorers during season were: G. Hancock (8), A. Renfrew (8), J. Auld (7), J. Brunskill (5)

Players used during season included: W. Smith, G. Rennex, L. Muir, A. Clarke, J. Strong, W. Durie, A. Renfrew, J. Brunskill, J. Auld, G. Hancock, A. Colquhoun, Alex Renfrew

The administration of the club was strengthened and more up-to-date methods of training were adopted. "Tup" Rennex was the power behind the uplift

A strong eleven was recruited, and the club won a major honour when it won the Nurse Cup (South Coast K.O. Championship). Players included G. Wells, L. Muir, G. Rennex, G. Williams, T. Nixon, P. Lennard, R. Lennard, A. Rowe, G. Rowe, E. Williams, L. Brown, B. Endear, J. Strong, J. Clarke, A. Renfrew, J. Diver.

In the Gardiner Cup, Cessnock put up a very meritorious effort with the following results — 0 all v West Wallsend. In replay 5 to 2 win; lost 3 to 5 v Annandale.

So 1920 was a very satisfactory season for the "Nocks". Further consolidation was gained in 1921.

In the Gardiner Cup, victories were recorded against Newcastle City (2 to 1) and Balgownie (2 to 1) before the "Nocks" were beaten by West Wallsend by 2 to 1 in the third round. In the Kerr Cup final, Cessnock lost to Wallsend by 2 to 0 — the losing team included: Sneddon, G. Williams, G. Carmichael, R. Lennard, G. Rennix, W. Durie, G. Rowe, L. Brown, P. Lennard, J. Strange, E. Williams — other players used were G. Skipton, R. Williams, G. Wells, L. Muir. Top goalscorers were P. Lennard 21, J. Strange 12, L. Brown 10. In the Premiership semi-final, Cessnock beat Weston by 3 to 1 but lost the final to West Wallsend by 2 to 0. Cessnock's final team was: Sneddon, G. Williams, R. Harden, Durie, Rennix, R. Lennard, L. Brown, G. Rowe, J. Strange, P. Lennard, E. Williams.

The season 1922 saw the retirement as a player of "Tup" Rennix whose effort for Cessnock and Minmi made him one of the code's "greats". He made over 200 senior appearances and was crowned "the penalty King" for his conversion of "spot kicks". Rennix, however, continued to serve the club until the mid-thirties.

The season created increased attendances and wild enthusiasm was shown when Cessnock and Wallsend met thrice in the Ellis Cup semi-finals (0-0) and (0-0), before Cessnock won by 4 to 0.

Regular players were F. Jones, G. Williams, W. Durie, R. Lennard, J. Strange, G. Rowe, E. Williams, P. Lennard, E. Hodge, R. Harden, L. Brown, J. Auld, G. Hancock. Goalscorers were P. Lennard 17, A. Hancock 7, L. Brown 6.

Progress continued in 1923, when the homegate Cessnock 1 v Kurri 1 drew £125 — entrance 9d. with ladies and children free.

The players used were F. Jones, J. Hannah, A. Thomson, G. Williams, Durie, Lidbury, Rowe, E. Williams, P. Lennard, E. Lee, J. Mathieson, L. Brown, Maloney, McNaughton, E. Hodge, J. Sternback, McCort. Cessnock won the Kerr Cup final by downing Wallsend by 2 to 1 in a 90-minute thriller.

Cessnock's XI in the final comprised: Hannah, Lidbury, Williams, J. Wilson, Durie, Rowe, McNaughton, Brown, Hodge, Lennard, McCort.

Increased support was noted in 1923 when Cessnock finished level with Wallsend on 25 points, to share premiership honours. However, in the play-off, Wallsend won a closely contested match by 2 to 1. Cessnock's team was: W. Hannah, G. Williams, W. Thomson, J. Wilson, G. Starks, D. Harden, E. Williams, P. Lennard, J. Murdoch, C. Williams, McNaughton.

Other players used during season included G. Rowe, Dune, A. See, Hodge, McWilliams, R. Lennard, Hughes, A. Thomson

Goalscorers of note were P. Lennard 16, D. Harden 14, C. Williams 10. The outstanding achievement in 1925 was Cessnock's appearance in the Gardiner Cup final

During early rounds, "Nocks" beat St. George (4 to 0), Weston (2 to 1), West Wallsend (2 to 1), only to go down to Adamstown by 2 to 0 in the final.

Cessnock regained prestige by reversing scores in Ellis Cup final by beating Adamstown by 2 to 1.

Winning eleven: G. Bower, G. Williams, J. Rollo, G. Slarks, E. Hodge, G. Rowe, E. Williams, H. Otto, R. McNaughton, P. Lennard, J. Tonner

Goalscorers during long season were: Tonner 14, P. Lennard 13, C. Williams 10, E. Hodge 7

Other players used included M. Sternbeck, G. Turner, A. See, W. Stoker, W. Carroll, W. Thomson, A. Thomson, J. Losby.

In the Stevenson Cup final, Cessnock beat Weston by 5 to 2.

Success continued in 1926, when Cessnock beat West Wallsend by 1 to 0 in premiership final after beating Aberdare by 3 to 1 in

the semi-final. Goalscorers for the year were: P. Lennard 17, C. Williams 15, E. Hodge 10, R. McNaughton 10.

Cessnock XI — R. Austen, E. Hodge, T. Green, H. Otto, J. Taylor, J. Harden, C. Williams, P. Hogan, A. Park, R. McNaughton, J. Wilkinson. The team also won the Stevenson Cup by beating Weston 5 to 2 at Kurri.

Soccer reached its zenith as far as popularity was concerned, when Cessnock joined the new Statewide league in 1928. The aggregate crowd for season reached all-time record. In 10 home games, nine were won, one drawn and 35 goals scored against 7 conceded.

Cessnock won the inaugural championship, finishing four points clear of their nearest rival, Gladesville-Ryde on 28 points. Playing details were: R. Austen 23, E. Hodge 22, J. Taylor 21, C. Williams 21, P. Lennard 21, P. Johns 19, W. Gregory 19, T. Green 18, Jack Wilkinson 18, H. Otto 17, J. Harden 15, J. Donnelly 12, E. Odgers 11, W. Ross 6, J. Forgie 6, G. Wilkinson 2, S. Bowden 1, T. Odgers 1. Goalscorers were P. Johns 17, P. Lennard 15, C. Williams 13, J. Wilkinson 5, E. Odgers 4. Cessnock were recognised by all as "worthy State Champions". Successful as the 1928 season was, the next campaign proved even more rewarding, for the Coalfields stars won the "double" — league and State Cup.

In the league a ding-dong tussle with near neighbours Kurri developed, and at the end both rivals ended level on 41 points, but the "Nocks" won on goal averages.

Cessnock's home record was superb — played 13, won 13 — scoring 70 goals to 15.

In its Cup campaign, Cessnock beat Woonona (6 to 2), Aberdare (5 to 1), Granville (4 to 1) semi-final, and in the Cup final at Weston, it routed Wallsend by 5 to 2. Its winning eleven comprised: R. Austen, E. Hodge, C. Thompson, T. Green, J. Taylor, J. Harden, C. Williams, P. Lennard, P. Johns, N. Price, Jack Wilkinson.

Appearances were: E. Hodge 34, P. Lennard 34, J. Wilkinson 34, P. Johns 34, T. Green 32, C. Thompson 32, N. Price 31, R. Austen 30, J. Taylor 29, C. Williams 28, J. Harden 25, W. Weir 7, H. Otto 6, W. Gregory 4, H. Ashcroft 3, P. Horns 2, E. Williams 2, J. Donnelly 2, G. Brown 1, W. Blane 1, N. Carroll 1, H. Biggers 1, Roy Johns 1. Goalscorers were N. Price 39, P. Johns 36, P. Lennard 18, J. Wilkinson 15.

The recession in the coal trade affected Coalfields' sport. Many players sought employment in other areas.

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Newcastle	August 1908	
Elgey	T.Spencer(Pymont)	
W.Maxwell	T.Denniss(Pymont)	
C.Lilley	J.Smith(Pymont)	
S.Hopton	C.Harrison(Glebe)	
J.Watt	R.Moore(Glebe)	
W.Warburton	S.Condon(Pymont)	
J.Jones	J.Davidson(Pymont)	
T.Bartley	J.Sherringham(Glebe)	
W.Jennings(1)	D.Richards(Sydney)	
A.Jennings	W.Carroll(Pymont)1)	
G.Campbell	G.Swift(Glebe)1)	
Referee W.Cadwallade		

"Working Mens Game"

Football had long since been called the "working mens game" and had many of its players and officials employed in the mining industry.

In fact, it was often called by the Sydney Press "THE MINERS GAME".

Improved working conditions in the coal industry always had a bearing on the control of the football game. The abolition of the night shift(Dog Watch 11 pm to 7 am) and the abolition of work on pay saturday's and restricted hours in back saturday allowed the game to become a weekly competition.

Hitherto, it had been confined to pay weekend's. From the Northern viewpoint the most important happening of the off-season was the overcoming of the difference between the State Association and the Adamstown Rosebud Club re Gardiner Cup entries.

With interest in the senior ranks at a low ebb only Adamstown Rosebud entered the Gardiner Cup. South Coast clubs were enjoying a prosperous period and Woonona, Corrimal and Helensburgh entered for the state title.

Adamstown had early success, after beating Woonona 4x0 it journeyed to Sydney and X O D the strong Ultimo XI 3x1 and so entered the semi finals along with Balmain, Glebe, Pymont.

In the semi final Pymont eliminated the Adamstown Club 1x0. after having played a 1x1 draw in it's first clash.

Local Competition

In the local competition, the senior grade attracted 3 entries from Adamstown Rosebud, Merewether Advance and Cessnock.

In the Ellis Cup, Adamstown beat Cessnock 3x1 in the first semi final.

Owing to the lateness of the season, Merewether Advance forfeited the final to Adamstown

Merewether Advance Officials rightly contended that the fixture bungling was due to Adamstown's participation in the Gardiner Challenge Cup.

Adamstown were awarded The Ellis Cup on forfeit.

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The second grade had entries from Adamstown Rosebud, Cessnock, Hamilton, Kurri Kurri, Teralba, and Merewether Advance.

Adamstown were the winner's Teralba Runner's Up

The Third grade entries included Minmi Wanderers, Dudley Thistles, Minmi Squashers, Kurri Kurri Rivals, Hamilton, Broadmeadow Royal Artburs, Killingsworth Violets, Merewether Advance, Adamstown, Abermain, Charlestown,

Minmi Wanderers Winners and Minmi Squashes Runners Up.

In the School Competition

Adamstown Winners, West Wallsend Runners Up.

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Minmi Squashers

G. Barr, D. Wells, W. Grant, W. Sneddon, J. Bates, J. Etheridge,
P. Pickhard, W. Ball, H. Ball, H. Moyles, E. Thirkell, D. Hodge,
L. Sneddon, R. Clarke, G. Archibold, W. Currie, G. Jackson,
H. Willoughby, J. Collins

Killingsworth Violets U/18

W. Matthews, E. Dempsey, M. Richmond, G. Russ, W. Hoyland,
R. Campbell, J. McMillan, J. McGeachie, P. Hindmarsh, J. Horn
J. Ansell, C. Hafey, A. Parkes, D. McManus, Bousfield, R. Cherry,
F. Thomas, D. Horn, R. McGeachie, W. McWilliams, C. Walton
J. Robinson

Adamstown

J. Strick, B. Onslow, W. Nix, W. Lewis, P. Kimber, J. Hincks,
A. White, M. Lee, T. Pease, B. Turnbull, A. Dunne, A. Marshall
B. Darling, N. Porteus.

Broadmeadow Royal Arthur

J. Robinson, S. Grubb, W. Gerrard, D. Horner, W. Marquett, J. Hughes
L. Myers, F. Jackson, Cummings, J. Daley, C. Robinson, H. Mullane
J. Doyle, R. Aitchison, D. Williams, L. Arthur, R. Anderson

West Wallsend

E. Ford, J. Kaiser, G. Phillips, T. Charlton, E. Coates, J. Holland,
R. Cowie, A. Lewis, A. Mason, A. Mason, J. Ernshaw, F. Williams
G. Laverick, J. Walker, W. Lee, T. Walsh, R. Sneddon, H. Stevenson,
W. Campbell, R. Blakely, J. Brennan, A. Hartland, W. Stott,
J. Horne, D. Robertson.

Barlow School Competition

Plattsburg Super Primary

W. Stein, Bob Liddbury, G. Hancock, T. Colquhoun, E. Devon, C. Ward
L. Clements, A. Young, C. Sykes, F. Ball, T. Balle, C. Thomas,
Thornton, Donkin, Hodge, Outram, Smith, Chapman, Cuthbertson,
Woodward, Wardle, Wells, Cruickshanks, Davies, Brown, Leach,
Morris, Clarke, Peters.

West Wallsend Super Primary

C. Knudson, D. Horn, H. Howell, F. Mason, J. Brierly, T. Regan
J. Lackie, D. Regan, J. Brewster, L. Johnson, J. Curran, R. Convery.
J. McGeachie, W. Turnbull, F. Smith, R. Sutcliffe, J. Durie
E. Brennan, D. Campbell, T. Gildar, E. Wylie, H. James, R. Kelly,
H. Means.

Adamstown Primary

G. Pollock, G. Sneddon, G. Brown, J. Logan, R. Gardener, W. Jones,
S. Bush, J. Robinson, H. Smith, F. Hayes, O. Lewis, J. Hampton.

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Charlestown

A. Shaw, J. Hunter, H. Boon, W. Boyd, J. Caddes, W. Drinkwater,
G. Askey, W. McDougall, J. McDougall, W. Parsons, W. Gilchrist
C. Burchell, S. Jewell, O. Wanless, S. Lynch, W. Price, G. Cain,
G. Jackson, J. Bassett, P. Parsons, A. Hincks, J. Ash, W. Hooley,
G. Campbell
J. Cain (Secretary)

Wallsend U/18

C. Roy, R. Jeffries, J. Coleman, R. Hepplewhite, W. Broadfoot,
H. Cork, J. Wells, W. Pettigrew, G. Smith, Stoddart, J. Anderson,
H. Buchanan, C. Morris, W. W. Punton, C. Williams,
H. Cork (Secretary)

Dudley Thistles U/18

T. Lysaght, W. Dickson, J. Russell, W. Willmott, A. Dick,
T. Askey, W. Williams, A. Haddon, R. Davis, C. Banfield, R. Hunter,
A. Parsons, P. Rundle, N. Broadbent, D. Sault, R. Mowbray,
R. Errington, A. Sketchley.

Hamilton U/18

B. Green, P. Pritchard, A. Bunn, J. Fullicks, H. Fullicks,
J. Hughes, E. Duncan, D. Sterritt.
Cook, J. Bates, J. Skulthorpe W. Harrison E. Allecander,
S. Worrall, R. Emery, R. Craos R. Clay

Adamstown U/18

J. Dunne, J. Logan, W. Powell, A. Jennings, R. Stewart, R. Winwood
P. Warburton, R. Love, N. Lee, A. Edden, H. Ryan, E. Dixon
F. Turnbull, T. Beddow, J. Hawkins.

Kurri Kurri Rivals

W. Brown, W. Johns, W. Chappell, W. Richardson, E. Cox, W. Scott
W. Bower, A. Orchard, J. Hadley, R. Kessells, E. Kelly, H. Jones
Jim Brown, C. Grimson, H. Bartlett, C. Anderson, C. Anderson
T. Crowley, A. Peters, T. Morrison, C. Halliday, J. Mansfield,
Joe Jones, W. Germain, J. Gould, W. McMillan, J. Outram,
W. Morgan, Chalmers, Pease,

Teralba U/18

R. Stubbs, D. Rodgers, E. Hodge, G. Ashton, T. Wynn, E. Wilkinson
A. Perry, A. Hancock, T. Treay, R. Kyle, J. Cherry, J. Broad,
J. Harper, J. Anderson, W. Cherry, A. Wilson,

Merewether Advance U/18

B. Smith, Wright, W. Terrace, E. Patterson, W. Sumners,
D. Williams, A. Danvers, J. Stewart, D. McLaren, G. Mordie,
W. Mitchell, J. Fairhall, B. Campbell, J. Dever, J. Penman,
P. Blackmore, H. Churchill, R. Brown, T. Hope, B. Craig

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Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs.

H. Gerrard, W. Rennix, J. Viggers, R. Elliott, J. Waugh, J. Howe
 S. Sharpe, W. Marchant, R. Beeton, L. Worrall, P. Aitchison,
 A. Sharpe, Jennings M. Loveday, D. Harrison, J. Reay,
 G. Santry, T. Williams, G. Thomas D. Williams
 J. Reay (Secretary).

Killingsworth Violets

Gary Turnbull, John Ford, T. Richmond, T. Campbell, P. McManus,
 W. Cooke, J. Horn, J. Spinks, F. Cook, B. Spinks, J. Neal, J. Kennedy,
 W. Rae, H. Vaisey, H. Dempsey, George Heaney, A. Horne,
 J. Hindmarsh, F. Hindmarsh, S. Hafey, A. Oswald, E. Ross,
 C. Faith (Secretary)

Merewether Advance

B. Smith, Wright, W. Terrace, E. Patterson, W. Summers, D. Williams
 A. Danvers, J. Stewart, D. McLaren, G. Moodie, W. Mitchell,
 J. Fairhall, R. Campbell, J. Dever, J. Penman, P. Blackmore,
 G. Bannon, B. McLeary, A. Cousins, J. Jennings, M. Loveday
 D. Harrison, J. Gill, P. Fairhall
 R. Johnson (Railway St)

Teralba Rangers

J. Coates, J. Peel, J. McAlpine, James Stubbs, T. O'Brien, T. Brown,
 W. McLaughlin, A. Barnes, F. Wilkinson, W. Jepson, T. Wilkinson,
 Jack Stubbs, J. O'Brien, E. Jepson, D. Cherry, P. McLaughlin.
 J. Peel (Secretary)

West Wallsend

W. McLure, J. Muir, T. Coates, H. Ball, R. Henderson, F. Ford,
 T. Newell, J. Harrison, R. Harrison, J. Carson, H. Gee, C. Thomson,
 C. Lewis, R. Skillings, J. Whitelaw, J. Brennan, A. Hartland
 J. Horne, W. Stott, R. Mowbray, H. Parkes, W. Carson

Adamstown

H. Price, J. Wallworth, L. Warburton, S. Harris, J. Getchers,
 F. Elgey, G. Farmer, W. Dixon, P. Eggingsong, T. Wailes,
 J. Erskine, R. Erskine, J. Rayan, T. Ryan, M. Turnbull, G. Elliott,
 M. Blythe, A. Hopton, G. Graham, J. Woods, R. Watt, E. Ross,
 T. Maxwell, R. Nelson, D. Gilpin, Edward Eaton,

Abermain

E. Dane, Oscar Mullally, Dave Russell, Bill Burt,
 James Lobley, Bill Parkinson, John Grills, Perce Grills,
 Tommy Corrigan, James Devon, John Outram, T. McDonald,
 John Corrigan, Hugh Devon, James McIntyre, George Ridley
 Bill Druery, Joe Hedley, John Johnson, Ben Yates, W. Thomas
 James Kemp, Charlie Wilson, Jonathon Robinson, Bill Wailes
 Charles Kenrick, Bob Prescott, Bob Russell
 James McIntyre (Secretary)

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Munmi Wanderers

George Rennix, Alec Renfrew, Harry Emery, David Cox,
John Barr, Bill Brown, Alec Shepherd, Adam Duncan,
Bill Lang, Bobby Jack, Joe Belbie, James Dick, James Wells,
John Hindmarsh, James Brown, N. McLeish, John Russell.

Dudley Thistles

W. Cooper, S. Cooper, A. Brown, D. Jones, W. Kenny, W. Jones
R. Druery, R. Anderson, J. Hodge, G. Russell, W. Sault, F. Elgey,
J. Henderson, James Gibb, J. Jackson, J. Parsons,
Jno Gibb (Secretary)

Windy Creek (Wallsend)

W. Thomas, W. Wardle, W. Race, J. Thompson, E. Morgan, C. Morris
P. Roddenby, P. Dobinson, W. Moore, W. Gibson, W. Peters,
J. Parkes, T. Morgan, A. Morris, E. See, S. Robinson, W. Jones,
W. Morris, J. Wardle, E. Jones, A. Howells, A. Collins, B. Cork,
G. Maddison, Silcock, Owen Cockrane, Erskine, H. Hancock,
A. Anderson, A. Richardson, H. Parkinson,
W. Gibson Whitton St Wallsend Secretary)

Minmi Squashers

R. Cain, S. Newton, T. Etheridge, W. Newton, A. Sneddon,
T. Price, B. Garraty, T. Wilson, H. Auld, G. Newton, L. Pugh,
J. Ledbury, B. Ball, W. Hamilton, J. Perry, F. Murnane, J. Brown,
T. Wilson (Secretary)

Kurri Kurri Rivals

J. Brown, E. Henderson, D. Jarrett, T. Kirkwood, E. Kessells
W. James, T. Muir, W. Framw, W. Sutherland, T. Orchard,
D. Thomas, J. Morrison, Sid Waugh, J. Matich, W. Morgan
A. Aitchison, B. Lovell, J. Cummings, W. J. Jones, J. Archibald,
T. Armstrong, T. Hadley, C. Turnbull, A. Hodges, A. Cummings,
B. Reynolds, W. Johns, J. Oglethorpe, L. Younger, H. Bower, A. Fairhall,
P. Collins, G. Short.

Weston Advance

R. Dixon, D. Gilpin, A. Jennings, J. Robinson, J. Jarvie,
J. Wardrop, D. Kembrey, G. Turnbull, B. Hardesty, W. McDonald
T. Elliott, G. Embleton, W. Jarvie, G. Lynch, H. Kembrey,
J. Williams, J. McCabe, D. Carney, G. Muir.
J. Robinson (Secretary)

Hamilton

W. Hunter, T. Nalder, J. Roach, W. Jones, T. Worley, J. Lynn,
W. Stott, W. Snelson, H. Beeton, A. Skulthorpe, R. Batey,
G. Warburton, P. Peebles, J. Veitch, W. Baker, G. Alexander.

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Bob Elgey, G. Campbell, G.R. Campbell, J. George, W. Maxwell,
W. Jennings, J. Watt, W. Harris, D. Hall, S. Bartley, D. Russell,
F. Bartley, J. Pryde, J. Weatherburn, Y. Seidencamp, D. Harris
Secretary(J.D. Hamilton)

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs

J. Doyle, Hall, A. McNaughton, J. Hodges, C. Hodges, R. Ledbury,
C. Purvis, J. Jones, F. Jennings, S. Waite, W. Evans, R. Dowson,
A. Begbie,
J. Reay(Secretary)

Cessnock Mountaineers

H. Freeburn, W. Robertson, J. Valance, J. Charmers, H. Barr,
T. Hill, W. Oswald, T. Flemming, J. Johnstone, W. Priestly,
A. Dunn, J. Milne, J. Cook, R. Harden, W. Taylor,
Tom Rennix(Of Aberdare Secretary)

Merewether Advance

G. Brown, R. Johnson, J. Powell, C. Feighan, A. Adamsthwaite,
J. Gray, R. Firth, A. Lovell, H. Bell, A. O'Neill, J. Smith,
C. Beeton, J. Johnson, J. Jones, J. Mitchell, A. Faulds
R. Johnson(Railway St Secretary)

Hamilton

J. Morris, J. Thompson, W. Maloney, C. Jones, R. Hall, A. Sharp,
T. Carlin, T. Hedly, F. Kinder, T. McNaughton, H. Tennant,
J. Price, J. Green, T. Kinder, J. Purvis, C. Fane, S. Jones,
J. McNaughton, D. Woolley, R. Matthews, A. Anderson, J. Davis
J. Thompson(Secretary)

Adamstown

J. Bullerwell, H. Danvers, C. Lilley, E. Price, H. Robertson,
J. Fitzgibbon, J. Nix, George Nix, P. Bartley, G. Edden, D. Bone,
S. Hopton, M. Roach, J. Filby, R. Cameron, Alf Jennings, J. Morris,

Kurri Kurri

W. Neil, J. Stevenson, D. Jones, J. Dyson, W. R. Johnstone, T. Lucas
P. Drinan, E. Taylor, J. Turnbull, J. Drinan, D. Hughes,
J. Mackay, J. Taylor, R. Coulton, M. Cook, A. Lavender,
C. Cartwright, T. Crowley, J. Crowley.
T. Kirkwood(Secretary)

Cessnock Mountaineers

J. Tait, A. Turnbull, J. Freeburn, J. Wilson, T. Spowall,
J. Harden, J. Wickston, P. Parker, A. Blair, T. Wardrop, J. Bethel,
W. Lobbey, E. Callaghan, J. Ashman, G. Clark, J. Lewis, J. Stewart,
E. Sneddon, W. Taylor.
Thomas Rennix(Secretary)

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Minmi Superior School

G. Wardrop, G. Scott, A. Pugh, R. Raw, J. Hogg, G. Williams, J. Chalmers,
E. Bath, H. Bath, J. Gill, W. Auld, J. Moyle, A. Wood, J. McLaughlin,
S. Banfield, H. Renfrew, W. Black, W. Jack, W. Mullen, W. McFadden,
H. Leonard.

Hamilton Public School

C. Hodges, D. Hamilton, W. Middleton, H. Lake, J. O'Brien,
M. Freeman, F. Matchett, W. Murray, H. Frances, F. Horner,
P. Kerr, S. Krempkin, W. McNaughton, J. Wilson

Charlestown Public School

Bobby Davidson, Bill Banfield, Tom Paterson, Walter Russell
Dave Gibb, J. Thompson, S. Sketchley, J. Lee, J. Banfield
A. Skelly, T. Wolfe, W. Young, J. Broadbent, P. Askew, W. Fallins
T. Dodds.

Registered Referee's

J. D. Hamilton	(Adamstown)
E. Gilpin	(Adamstown)
F. Jennings	(Adamstown)
H. Speers	(Dudley)
J. Houston	(Dudley)
W. McLeish	(Minmi)
W. Maxwell	(Adamstown)
W. Neal	Kurri Kurri
C. Faith	(Killingsworth)

1908 NDBFA Officials

Patron. W. J. Ellis

President. Peter Bowling

Assistant Vice Presidents. Ed Blackburn, H. Denny,

W. A. Reid, M. Lynch, J. McGeatchie, J. Symes

W. Graham (MP) Alf Edden (MP) F. Pearce,

D. C. Durie, W. McIlroy, Ed Buxton, J. Filby

J. Fitzgibbons, A. J. Porteous

Secretary. Bob Stevenson

Assistant Secretary. J. Reay

Treasurer. G. A. Myers

Cossack Players for this year are

First Grade
J. Carr, A. Turnbull, J. Freebairn, J. Wilson, T. Spowatt, J. Harden,
J. Vickstone, P. Parker, A. Elane, T. Wardrop, J. Bethal,
W. Solley, C. Callaghan, J. Ashman, G. Clark, J. Lewis,
I. Stewart, E. Sneddon, W. Taylor, J. Swan.

Cossack Reserve Grade

H. Freebairn, W. Robertson, J. Vallance, J. Chalmers, H. Barr,
T. Hall, W. Oswald, T. Fleming, I. Johnston, W. C. Priestley,
A. Lyon, J. Maize, J. Cock, K. Harden.



Back Row: James Norris (V-Pres), G. Campbell, A. Elliott, J. Bartley (Capt), A. Bailey
(Reserve Goalkeeper)

Centre Row: J. Corrigan, J. Wardrop, J. Ferguson, R. Howe, J. Sneddon, W. McDonald
(Secretary)

Front Row: W. Nesbitt, M. Connell, 'Bubs' Reay, A. Reay, A. McLaughlin
Absent: Washman, G. Lynch

Location: Football Club, White Street, Perth

Minmi "Squashers" 1908

Back Row. Bob Lidbury, B. Woods, C. Brown, Joe Auld, F. Price
J. Lidbury, Tom Etheridge, J. Cain
Centre Row. J. Askie, Sam Newton, V. Newton, B. Cain,
J. Turner (Pres) L. Pugh, J. Knott, C. Pryor.
Front Row. G. Newton, Frank Burnane, John Brown, Jim Brown
Hec Sneddon



ABERMAIN

For its size, the township of Abermain has won honours in many types of sport.

In its infancy, the town had a strong rifle club, cricket club, cycling, as well as soccer.

It is fair comment to say that the soccer club lived in the shadows of the greatness of Weston. During the years, Abermain has produced a big crop of round ball stars — players who after completing success in the junior circles, were lured away to other senior clubs where they rose to great heights.

To mention a few — the dainty but speedy Jack Manion, whose attacking play was described by one journalist as "smooth as quick-silver". Jim "Nigger" Kemp, Ern Kemp, Crabbie McCroarey, Aub Teece, Jim Porteus, Ducky Henwood and many others.

An old record book tells of the birth of soccer in Abermain in April 1908 — a meeting called by a group of miners in a vacant block — later to be gazetted as Abermain Recreation Reserve. The first secretary was Jas McIntyre, a former Scot junior whose enthusiasm for the game won general admiration in the growing town. He combed the 'pit tops' and forwarded the registration list to Newcastle where it was listed as "3rd grade". First colours were white shirt with 2-inch green sash. The full list contained Jas. Kemp Snr, Evan Davis, Oscar Mullally, Dave Russell, Bill Burt, Jim Lobley, Bill Parkinson, John Grills, Percy Grills, Jim Devon, Tom Corrigan, John Outram, Chas Kendrick, Bob Russell, John Johnson, Ben Yates, Bill Thomas, Bill Wailes, Bob Prescott, Jack Corrigan, Tom McDonald, Charlie Wilson, Jono Robinson, Geo. Ridley, Bill Drury, Joe Hedley, Hugh Devon and Jas. McIntyre. The first match at Abermain was against Pelaw Main, which won by 2 to 0. The visitors were royally entertained at a sit-down meal where the amber ale ran out far too quickly.

Bob Skilling of Kurri was the referee. In its first season, the team recorded — played 10, won 2, lost 6, drew 2; goals for 22, goals against 31.

It is very unfortunate that one cannot secure club records. However the Abermain Club entered an All Aged XI and an Under-18 years XI in the Newcastle competition, but no honours were gained. In 1918 the All Aged, Under-18 and Under-16 (Tom Titt) had successful seasons.

In the All Aged section, Abermain pressed Pelaw Main for season's honours. These old rivals clashed in the final at the Homestead with Pelaw Main winning a grand game by 2 to 1. In the closing minutes, Pelaw Main scored the vital goal. The club colours were blue. The Abermain XI included: F. McGoldrick, J. Kennedy, P. Barker, T. Jeffreys, W. Hall, T. Outram, T. Corrigan, R. Bower, E. Williams, T. Scott, R. Peel; reserves: P. Kemp, S. Bailey, S. Richardson. In the Under-18 years Abermain qualified for the semi-finals but went down to Weston by 2 to 1. Its team comprised Coutts, Ross, Bary, Robinson, Shaw, Chappell, Wilson, Thomas, Barker, O Connell, Ender. The "Tom Titt" won the district title with such players as G. Grant, Horn, McCroarey, R. McNaughton, E. Junor, G. Junor, J. O'Brien, Smith, Kennedy, Striker, Hall, O. O'Brien, Downs, McGoldrick.

In season 1922, there was a revival in interest and Abermain entered the Gardiner Cup for the first time. In the first round it met near neighbours Neath and suffered defeat by 3 to 1 in a very exciting tie. For with five minutes left the scores were 1 all. A brace of last-minute goals by Horns and Pockett sealed the "Mains" fate. In 1923, the promotion of Neath to senior ranks greatly affected interest at Abermain. However, several brilliant juniors in J. Kemp, J. Manion, J. Porteus, D. Henwood, E. Kemp and A. Teece were unearthed.

The club was proud to stage on the Abermain Park the South Maitland XI v Queensland on 2nd July when the locals won by 2 to 1.

Over 1000 saw this representative match, which was organised by a local official, Mr L. Penniment. In 1927, a combined Abermain-Neath eleven entered the Stevenson Cup and won its way into the semi-final, where it crashed to Kearsley by 4 to 0. Their team comprised R. Morgan, A. Jackson, A. Baldwin, R. Hughes, J. Porteus, R. O'Brien, E. Jeffries, F. Turner, J. Manion, J. Kemp, J. Drinkwater and F. Horne, the last mentioned being the most consistent scorer with 11 goals.

In 1928 the club fielded a strong Under-18 years combination. Little is known of the club's activities for the period of 1929 to 1943 when during the State League breakaway, it formed a senior club in the South Maitland area. Among the regulars were J. Mathers.

A. Wiseman, C. Kidd, J. Olwer, E. Leighton, G. Stewart, G. Heley, W. Williams. Mathers was the main goalscorer,

Abermain hit the high spot in 1948 when its senior team beat Aberdare in the Stevenson Cup final at Cessnock by 5 to 2. Their winning combination comprised: C. Blair, T. Jurd, W. Langlands, M. Yates, E. Kemp, J. Crossley, R. Wright, G. Tomlinson, R. Howard, G. Lamb, T. Haywood. The season's best scorers were Tomlinson (10), R. Howard (10) and G. Lamb (8).

A more stabilised Abermain entry went into the Northern League in 1949. The team won 7, lost 6, drew 2 of the games played. Players used included J. McLaren, R. Wright, E. Kemp, G. Tomlinson, D. Martin, J. Wallace, M. Yates, F. Callaghan, M. Reay, A. Randell, K. Williams, L. Mather, G. Laverick, C. Teasdale, A. Baulks, L. Burnett, E. Craig, W. McKay, W. Barker, J. Ackroyd, W. Longlands, R. Williams, A. Sneddon, G. Lamb, A. Orchard, J. Patrick, C. Beverley, J. Crawford.

Tomlinson (16), McLaren (12) were top scorers. The first mentioned created new club record by netting five goals v Lake Macquarie.

In State Cup, Abermain were kayoed by Kurri 2 goals to 1.

Abermain's persistence won it a place in the 1949 Northern League semi-finals.

In a hard-fought first half against the minor premiers Cardiff, the "Mains" did well with 1 all at the interval.

In the second half Cardiff scored 4 goals to win by 5 to 2.

The Abermain team which was on duty that day comprised: F. Callaghan, G. Tomlinson, G. Martin, J. Wallace, E. Kemp (Capt.), R. Wright, E. Laverick, J. McLaren, L. Mather, K. Williams, L. Burnett.

Old-timers still hope for a return of senior soccer to Abermain. May their wish and dream come true for as a sport community Abermain deserves the best.

1909 Season

President. J. Wilson

Secretary. Bob Stevenson

Treasurer. G. A. Myers

Assist Secretary. J. Reay

Vice Presidents. H. J. Denny, Ed Blackburn, M. Charlton (MP)

D. Baker, Peter Bowling, W. Graham (MP)

J. Fegan (MLA) Mr O'Gilbert (MLA)

Committee. Ed Buxton, J. Fitzgibbons, J. Symes, A. J. Porteous.

This season marked a long and bitter coal strike over the abolition of the afternoon shift. All football areas were affected. To curtail unnecessary travelling, four coalfield teams competed in a separate competition for the "Hemmings Cup", donated by a Cessnock business. The Cup was unique in that it was fashioned like a football 10 inches high and perfectly round. The four clubs in this new competition were Cessnock, East Greta, Kurri Kurri and Weston.

1909 Hampden Cup	Cessnock	East Greta	Kurri Kurri	Weston	Points
Cessnock	X	5-1, 2-1	2-1, 1-1	2-3, 2-0	9
East Greta	1-5, 1-2	X	2-2, 0-1	0-2, 0-1	1
Kurri Kurri	1-2, 1-1	2-2, 1-0	X	1-1, 0-3	5
Weston	3-2, 0-2	2-0, 1-0	1-1, 3-0	X	9

In the final at Cessnock, Cessnock defeated Weston 1x0. Senior games in Newcastle were restricted to "Friendlies" and gate takings were given to the Miners Strike Fund. The Badge matches in Newcastle were still in the junior circles. The senior clubs participated in the Gardiner Cup.

Gardiner Cup

Adamstown entered the Gardiner Cup and preparations were very thorough, as they were very keen to win. The first round against Helensburg on the South Coast proved to be a dour, scoreless draw played on a most difficult pitch. In the replay in Newcastle, Adamstown revealed their true worth, winning 4x2. In the second round, Adamstown defeated Sydney, 3x0. This win allowed them to qualify for the semi-finals. In this vital tie, Adamstown beat Rozelle by 3x1, while Pyrmont knocked out Glebe 3x0. Pyrmont were then favourites to retain the cup, in the final, a tense struggle ended in a 0x0 draw. In the replay, Adamstown proved far superior winning 3x1 after leading 2x1 at half time. Skinner Maxwell netted two goals for Adamstown.

On the local front, the grade winners were.

2nd Grade	Minmi Wanderers
3rd Grade	West Wallsend
4th Grade	Wallsend Royals
Schools	Minmi

Ellis Cup

The Ellis Cup proved one of the best series on record. Now open to 1st and 2nd grade teams, it attracted 12 entries with Merewether Advance, Adamstown Rosebud Killingsworth and Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs all qualifying for the semi finals. Both semis ended in draws; Merewether Advance tying with Killingsworth and Adamstown and Broadmeadow doing the same.

The surprise of the series was the young Killingsworth team; it is said that owing to the miners strike, the players practiced five hours daily and it almost paid off for them.

Abig crowd saw the "Kills" beaten in the dying seconds of their replay with Merewether, losing 1x0. Meanwhile, Adamstown accounted for Broadmeadow in their rematch. In the final, Adamstown defeated Merewether 3x2.

The full Ellis Cup results were:

Round.1	Adamstown Rosebud	6 v Teralba	4
	Killingsworth	5 v Wallsend Mazoppas	2
	Wallsend Royals	1 v Minmi Wanderers	0
	Boolaroo	3 v West Wallsend	3
Replay	West Wallsend	2 v Boolaroo	1
	Merewether Adv.	2 v Wallarah	1
	Broadmeadow R.A.	3 v Minmi Clippers	2
Round.2.	Killingsworth	5 v Wallsend Royals	2
	Broadmeadow R.A.	2 v West Wallsend	1
	Merewether Advance, Adamstown Rosebud (Byes)		

Semi Finals

	Merewether Adv.	1 v Killingsworth	1
Replay	Merewether Adv	1 v Killingsworth	0
	Adamstown	2 v Broadmeadow RA,	2
Replay	Adamstown	1 v Broadmeadow R.A.	0

Final	Adamstown	3 v Merewether Adv.	2
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West Australia Tour NSW.

However, the 1909 season gained historical importance because of the visit by a West Australian team, who played two games in Newcastle. In the first game, Newcastle beat the visitors 4x0 before a crowd of 1158 people at the Newcastle showground on the 8th July.

Newcastle	4 v West Australia	0
Bob Elgey		
G. Campbell		
J. Jones		
W. Harris		
W. Maxwell		
D. Russell		
J. George(1)		
W. Jennings		
A. Jennings(1)		
E. Price(1)		
Bob Lidbury(1)		

Referee Harry Spiers.

On the following Tuesday, a crowd of 1000 saw the West Australians beat a Northern Coalfields XI by 2x0, at the Albion ground (Showground Maitland). This was the first ever combined Coalfields team and the players were

Northern Coalfields	0 v West Australia	2
Bondi Neal (Kurri Kurri)		
G. Cartwright (East Greta)		
R. Cartwright (East Greta)		
G. Coulson (East Greta)		
T. Jowett (East Greta)		
R. Harden (Cessnock)		
F. Corrigan (Cessnock)		
T. Wardrop (Cessnock)		
A. McNaughton (Weston)		
W. Ashton (weston)		
W. Howe (Cessnock)		

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Openly declaring that their stay in Newcastle area was the best of their whole tour, the visitors travelled by the S.S. Victoria and were officially received by the Mayor. During their stay, they took an excursion on the river to Morpeth, inspected the Glebe Colliery, viewed the new cranes in the harbour and was taken to a vaudeville show in Kings Hall.

The West Australian touring team was
A.W. Bennett, C. Bodenham, J. Booth, J. McLaughlin, J. O'Neill,
W. Roskama, M. Taylor, J. Woods, V. Allen, E.S. Robertson,
R.M. Evans, G. Burt, J. McCreery, H. Scott, C. Bogle,
Manager W.C. Thomas.

On the 15th May the West Australians took on a new side, playing a 2x2 draw, The NSW Players were

New South Wales	2 v West Australia	2
R. "Brolgey" Elgey (Adamstown)		
R.G. Campbell (Adamstown)		
B. Ferguson (Balmain)		
C. Condon (Pymont)		
W. Maxwell (Adamstown)		
J. Rhodes (Balgownie)		
Cob Jones (Corrimal)		
W. Carey (2) Pymont		
A. Jones (Corrimal)		
W. Carroll (Pymont)		
W. Stewart (Helensburg)		

Referee W. Goldsmith (Navy)

New South Wales	3 v West Australia	1
22nd May		

S. Hilder (Glebe)
R.G. Campbell (Adamstown)
B. Ferguson (Balmain)
A. Phelps (Ultimo)
E. Price (Adamstown)
J. Rhodes (Balgownie)
Cob Jones (Corrimal)
W. Carey (Pymont)
A. Jones (Corrimal)
W. Carroll (Pymont)
J. George (Adamstown)

Referee W. Goldsmith (Navy)

On June 9th West Australia 3 v Victoria 0 (Melbourne)

Registered Referee's

1909 Referee's J.D. Hamilton (Adamstown) H. Spiers (Dudley)
J. Filby (Adamstown) C. Faith (Killingsworth) P. J. Mannix (Wallsend)
R. Ledbury (Wallsend) T. Hepplewhite (Wallsend)
Bede Pratten (Wallsend) R. Patterson (Wallsend)
M. Pettigrew (Wallsend) R. Skillings (Kurri Kurri)
S. Harris (Adamstown)

Player Register

Teralba Rangers

Jack Stubbs, Joe Peel, Pat McLaughlin, Welham, Dunk, Cherry,
Bill Jepson, Ern Jepson, Tom O'Brien, George Johnson,
Arthur Barnes, Joe Stubbs, Walter James, Bill Derricott
Jack O'Brien, Frank Wilkinson,
J. Peel (Secretary)

Adamstown Rosebud

Bob Elgey, George Campbell, Gerrard Campbell, S. Bartley, D. Russell
W. Harris, W. Maxwell, J. George, E. Price, S. Hopton, C. Lilley,
W. Jennings, H. Hammond,

Merewether Advance

J. Mitchell, J. Jones, Hall, S. McLean, D. Danvers, M. Craig,
J. Fitzgibbons, A. Lovell, D. Firth, R. Johnson, G. Johnson, J. Smith
K. Smith, C. Purvis, A. Adamsthwaite, G. Feighan, A. Jennings,
P. Fairhall, J. Gray, J. Loveday, W. Mitchell, B. Wright, W. Jennings
P. Blackmore, B. McLeary, J. Lovell, W. Ferris, J. Penman, B. Smith
E. Firth, A. McLeary, J. Lovell, T. Bell, J. Powell, H. Gray,
Brown, Gill, Fullicks, Pritchard, Green, Ashman, Churchill, Cornell,
C. Stewart, J. Bartley, W. Shipley, J. Richardson, J. Conway,
**Please note the players listed for Merewether is from
all grades.

Minmi Pirates (3rd Grade)

G. Robinson, G. Wells, G. Rigby, G. Moncrief, G. Banfield, J. Mowatt,
J. Lewis, J. Dixon, J. White, J. Corns, W. Beale, G. Willoughby,
W. Evans, D. Jackson, A. Griffiths, H. Knott, D. McBlane, L. Prosser,
R. Simmonds, G. Griffiths, G. Newton,
G. Willoughby (Secretary)

Minmi Clippers (3rd Grade)

G. R. Archibald, H. Moyle, H. Willoughby, C. Perry, J. Prior,
S. Newton, A. Evans, G. Marrion, E. Wilson, A. Shepherd, J. Bates,
T. Etheridge, J. Dick, J. Lindsay, W. Newton, D. Williams, M. James
G. Barr
T. Etheridge (Secretary)

Killingsworth Rangers (3rd Grade)

W. McWilliams, W. Horn, J. Horn, W. Matthews, J. McMillan, B. Hughes,
C. Walton, W. Hindmarsh, J. McGeatchie, R. Roberts, N. Richmond,
E. Convery, W. Hoyland, T. Ansell, F. Thomas, D. McManus, G. Pritchard,
L. Murray, O. Cherry, A. Osborne, J. Ansell, R. Cherry, R. Convery,
H. Fullicks, W. Attwood,
W. Matthews (Secretary)

West Wallsend (3rd Grade)

T. Morgan, J. Harrison, M. Dial, W. McLure, C. Thompson, W. Brown,
T. Gough, H. Burkett, T. Newell, W. Lewis, T. Craig, H. Ball,
J. Dellaway
T. Charlton (Carrington St Westy Secretary)

Dudley Thistles(3rd Grade)

Ned Broadbent, Arthur Parsons, Bill Crooks, A. Sketchley,
Arch Dick, Bill Dixon, H. Presland, Jack Boyd, Tim Lysaghts,
Billy Williams, Jack Jones, Bill Fawkes, Aaron Haddow,
J. Jackson, J. Fowler, R. Crother, C. Banfield.

Wallsend Royals(3rd Grade)

J. Anderson, A. Lidbury, C. Roy, J. Coleman, W. Pettigrew,
W. Jones, B. Parkes, B. Lindsay, R. Anderson, R. Stewart, C. Williams,
Alf Lindsay, Hugh Buchanan, G. Barr, A. Chapman, C. Kemp,
T. J. Dobinson, J. Ledbury.

Wallsend Royals(4th Grade)

C. Kemp, A. Dobinson, H. Smith, W. Smith, J. Milton, B. Richardson,
W. Morgan, S. Davies, W. Roberts, J. Murray, R. Jeffries,
R. Hepplewhite, F. Chiarelli, B. Lidbury, W. O'Brien
F. Rizzoli(Secretary)

Minmi Wanders(4th Grade)

C. Etheridge, George Barr, Jon Barr, R. Brown, W. Gill,
D. Loosemore, Jas McBlane, Alec Wells, Bob Wells, N. James,
Joe Thompson, Bill Thompson, J. Pritchard, J. Perry, W. Oakes,
E. Burke, W. Sneddon, P. McLaughlin,
J. Bilbie(Secretary)

Teralba Rangers(3rd Grade)

A. Perry, T. Treay, G. Ashton, J. Harper, R. Kyle, A. Hancock,
E. Elkington, A. Cherry, J. Cherry, A. Wilson, W. Wilson, R. Porter.

Wallsend Mazeppas(3rd Grade)

H. Patrick, W. Patrick, J. Scott, R. Scott, W. Robertson, J. Robertson,
J. Robson, C. Parsons, H. Wanless, D. Baird, D. Steel, H. Hancock,
R. Parkinson, W. Patterson,

Broadmeadow Royal Arthurs(3rd Grade)

B. Anderson, F. Jackson, P. Pritchard, B. Hunter, A. Laverick,
W. Rennix, H. Gerrard, W. Marchant, S. Grubb, L. Myers, P. Jackson
J. Hughes, W. Anderson, R. Aitchison, S. Boyd, J. Duncan, J. Fullick,
W. Drinkwater, G. Lantry, J. Howell, G. Askew, T. Hedley,
Jim Doyle, S. Lynch, H. Belton, T. McNaughton.

Dudley Thistles

D. Jones, R. Anderson, W. Sault, J. Gibb, G. Gibb, J. Russell,
H. Vaisey, J. Lysaghts, H. Taylor, G. Cooper, W. Powell, W. Cooper,
J. Broadbent, A. Brown, W. Richmond,
G. Broadbent(Secretary)

Adamstown (3rd Grade)

J. Dunne, R. Stewart, A. Edden, N. Lee, T. Beddow, R. Winwood,
R. Love, J. Logan, G. Farmer, Warburton, J. Hamilton, Dixon,
P. Pease, W. Barriss, J. Geatches, A. Jennings.

Teralba Rangers(4th Grade)

Bob Harper, Bob Wilcox, Ric Wilcox, Bob Stewart, Chas Ryan,
Chas Dudley, Frank Dudley, George Peel, C. Green, John Hilton,
John O'Brien, Bill Pritchard, Bill Kyle, A. Wilson,
Bill Cherry.

Boolaroo (4th Grade)

J.P.Conn, A.Mitchell, W.Neemes, J.Harris, H.Moarse, A.Gardner,
H.Richards, H.Mitchell, A.Mason, A.Harrower, G.Abrahams,
W.Collins, T.Field, H.Gilbert, G.Stewart, C.Hawkins, J.McLaughlan,
A.Robertson, Mason, Tuck, Slater, Convery,
H.Gilbert(Secretary)

West Wallsend(4th Grade)

T.Charlton, F.Williams, A.Lewis, W.Phillips, R.Cowie, W.Lee,
E.Coates, A.Mason, W.Grills, J.Earnshaw, G.Laverick, C.Knudson
A.McIntyre, T.Walsh, Harold Means, W.Meredith, Tom Sinclair,
G.Lee, J.Moroney, J.Holland, T.White, R.Blakely, T.Moroney,
J.Brown, Jim Nelson, P.Nelson, John Nelson, A.Davies, J.Walker,
E.Newton, J.Horne, R.Sneddon, J.Brennan, J.Webster, F.Bentley
W.West, G.Croft, F.Hillary, E.Richardson, J.McNeil, S.Ernshaw,
J.Blakey, G.Newell, T.Birrell, J.Kaiser,

Minmi Wanderers(2nd Grade)

W.Lang, J.Bilbie, G.Jack, J.Russell, A.Renfrew, L.Pugh, R.Jack
F.Price, F.Murnane, T.Doyle, N.McLeish, G.Rennix, W.Brown.
J.Renfrew.

Killingsworth Violets

P.McManus, W.Cook, J.Neal, J.Kennedy(Secretary) T.Campbell,
J.Spinks, R.Lee, T.Frew, T.Oswald, T.Richmond, B.Spinks,
W.Rae, Frank Convery, J.Lord, E.Ross, J.Cherry, J.Geatches,
M.Lamb, C.Lewis, J.Coates

Catherine Hill Bay

W.Peacock, T.Gray, J.Bacchs, J.Bassett, A.Horne, P.Viping,
A.Hodges, H.Hodges, L.Conn, E.Drummond, G.Hodges, J.Wilson
J.Spinks, H.Buxton, W.Roach, P.Parsons, W.Thornton, L.Taffe,
A.Hinchs, E.Taffe, D.Absalom, G.Johnson, J.Oliver, T.Bayter,
J.Archibold, J.Hanley, G.Campbell, R.Cain,
J.Bassett Jun Secretary)

Adamstown(2nd Grade)

J.Wallworth, G.Warburton, T.Wailes, G.Elliott, F.Elgey,
J.Bullerwell, J.Nix, T.Harrison, J.Harrison, R.Talbot,
E.Talbot, J.Jackson, H.Price, A.Cunningham, M.Roach, W.Cooper.

Cessnock(incomplete)

R.Harden, J.Harden, J.Freebairn, C.Callaghan, T.Russell
J.Ballard, R.Leckie, T.Spowart, T.Jeffries, A.Faulds,
A.Blane, T.Wardrop, J.Wardrop, J.Marshall, J.Williams.



Adamston 1909 (Undefeated Premiers) Gardiner Cup Winners
 Back Row J. Campbell (V. Pres.) W. Angus (V. Pres.) W. Talbot (Patron) J. Harrison, R.B. Talbot (Pres.) S.J. Bartlett, W. Wungh (V. Pres.) W. Morgan (V. Pres.)
 Middle Row J. Jennings (Mgr) E. Davis (Treas.) J. Doyle (V. Capt) J. Wallworth, R.R. Elgy (Cpt) A.J. Jennings, J.D. Hamilton (Sec) W.P. Jennings
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game's popularity ebbed and reached an all-time low, according to a number of reasons.

own suffered along with a number of city clubs as the mining exodus took a large slice of the pie, and with it a fair percentage of fans, 'over the hills' to Heddon, Anston, Abermain, Weston, and Neath. Club organisation was in a state of disarray, culminating in a split between a poorly-patronised competition run, one based in Newcastle and one at Wallsend. And still

Sydney outlet neither the NSW nor Sydney officials had forgotten the 1895 fiasco — clubs of the time, including Adamstown, West Wallsend and Minmi found it particularly difficult to engender interest in the games.

leading Adamstown official by the name of 'Dinny' Hamilton who finally decided to leave and won a return to the Cup competition for the North

link was barely dry on the new tie between Sydney and Newcastle when controversy flared again, once more over from a match involving the two sides.

3 by Balmain in its first round. Adamstown looked to have scored a goal in the replay, only to have it disallowed.

tionism broke out, the referee

This did little to arrest the alarming slide of the Northern game, reaching a new low in 1908 when Rosebud claimed the local premiership by beating the only other entrant, a second side from Adamstown. Rosebud also claimed the Ellis Cup with a 3-2 win over Merewether in the final.

The salvation of the local game came with Adamstown's officially sanctioned return to the Gardiner Cup in 1909. Led by the renowned Bob 'Brogly' Elgy, the Rosebuds claimed the State championship for the first time beating arch-rival Pyrmont 3-1 in extra time of a replayed final.

The victory was a watershed in the history of both Adamstown and the Northern game. It was "Rosebud's finest hour", as reports credit the win, and in the North it sparked unprecedented interest in the round ball game.

For the 1910 season, record entries were received. Five teams contested seniors, five registered in second grade, 13 in third grade, 16 in fourth grade, 10 in a lodge competition and another nine played in Saturday morning schools competition.

Fittingly, Adamstown finished on top by beating Wallsend 2-0 in the final.

But still the game found barriers to further expansion. War of an administrative nature in the North threw soccer into disarray for some seasons at one stage Adamstown fielded only two teams, in fourth grade and under-18's while war of an international nature interrupted almost everything for four years from 1914.

in the well-documented split between the Northern District British Football Association and the newly-formed State League.

The State League was formed in 1928 as a result of a push from the clubs in the South Maitland coalfields, whose discontent over the conditions of the Gardiner Cup competition was first raised in 1926. It concerned the division of gate receipts among participating clubs, and the stipulation that a match of the day be played each week at Hobart Park, New Lambton.

Since the Coalfields clubs were so strong, it meant they played in these designated matches more often than others. And, they argued, they were not given any worthwhile revenue for their appearances.

The open revolt against the NSW body succeeded, but it caught plenty of clubs in the crossfire. Adamstown was among them.

Adamstown took the conservative stand and remained loyal to the NSW Association, a move that cost the club in terms of both players and prestige.

Among those who departed for the new State League were 'Massa' Russell (who joined Gladesville-Ryde), while Rosebud's consolation for keeping the faith was participation in series where gate receipts were very poor and administration almost non-existent.



THE TEAM
1911-12
The team consists of the following players:
Front row: [illegible]
Middle row: [illegible]
Back row: [illegible]

1909 Cessnock Bluebells



Back Row. J. Badderly (V.P.) R. Harden (Cpt) (J. Ballard, C. Callaghan,
J. Russell (Unknown)
Middle Row. M. Kennedy (V.P.) J. Freebairn, R. Leckie, J. Harden,
J. Spowart (Unknown)
Front Row. A. Faulds, A. Blair, J. Wardrope.

1910 Season
President. J.S. Wilson

Committee. Ed Buxton, J. Filby, J. Reay, J. Symes, J. Logan
A.J. Porteous.

The long drawn out coal strike had ended before the season opened. The abolition of the afternoon shift allowed the football administration to plan weekly matches in all grades, instead of fortnightly as had been the case in the past. Increased activity in the senior ranks saw five entries.

Adamstown, Cessnock, Minmi Clippers, Wallsend Royals and Weston.

Adamstown Rosebud won the premiership.

1910 Ellis Cup	Adamstown	Cessnock	Minmi Clippers	Wallsend Royals	Weston	Points
Adamstown	X	2-0, 3-1	2-1, 1-1	1-0, 1-1	1-0, 0-1	12
Cessnock	0-2, 1-3	X	0-2, 3-3	2-2, 2-3	2-0, 0-3	4
Minmi Clippers	1-2, 1-1	2-0, 3-3	X	4-1, 0-1	3-1, 0-1	8
Wallsend Royals	0-1, 1-1	3-2, 2-2	1-0, 1-4	X	1-1, 1-0	9
Weston	1-0, 0-1	0-2, 3-0	1-3, 1-0	1-1, 0-1	X	7

Ellis Cup

In the Ellis Cup semi finals, Adamstown beat Weston 3x2 while Wallsend Royals took care of Minmi 2x1. In the final, 2080 adults and many children crammed into the ground to witness Adamstown defeat Wallsend 2x0.

The teams are

Adamstown
Bob "Brolgey" Elgey
J. George
Wallworth
Harris (2)
Watt
Warburton
Bone
Lee
Maxwell
Russell
Hopton

2 v Wallsend Royals 0

Coleman
Pratten
Davis
Morgan
T. Liddbury
A. Liddbury
R. Liddbury
Williams
Downes
Parkes
C. Harrison

Season Highlight

The crowd pleaser of the whole season, however, was the 3rd grade final between the two Wallsend teams - Wallsend Mazeppas and Wallsend Royals. These two teams had to meet four times before finality was reached. The scores were 0x0, 0x0, 0x0 and finally 2x0 to the Royals. Hundreds flocked to see the two locals in action but they had to wait for 352 minutes before the first goal came in the 82nd minute of the fourth match. The second and final goal came five minutes later. Referee G. Mason.

Finality

Player Register

Minmi Gardeners

John "Pinkie" Tilden, Mulholland, Woods, Shears, Barram,
Grimmond, Moyle, Simpson, Banfield, Auld, Pryor, Brown, Scott

Wallsend Royals

Shaw, Stein, Donkin, O'Donnell, Ward, Lewis, Lonergan, Treay,
Sheldon, Oliver, Jeffreys, Parkes, Humphreys, Peel, Kemp,
Rizzoli, Smith, Davies, O'Brien, Ledbury, Milton, Roy, Buchanan,
Barr, Richardson, Chiarelli, Coleman, Pratten, Morgan,
T. Lidbury, R. Lidbury, A. Lidbury, Williams, Downs, C. Harrison.

Ballarat Rovers (Wallsend)

Gerrard, Donkin, Morris, Parkinson, Jones, Robertson, Webster,
Craig, Thompson, Taylor, Frew, Richardson, Henderson,
Sanderson.

Merewether Advance

Hope, Jones, Churchill, Hudson, Oliver, James, Jones, Wallace,
Prince, Stewart, Cooper, , Bartley, Summers, Curtain

Wallsend Nationals

Wells, Love, Phillipson, Helphner, Andrews, Finley, King,
Harrison, Pepperall, Wilson, Hogg, Slott, McCroarey,
Richardson.

Charlestown Waratahs

Unwin, Drinkwater, Wright, Purvis, Lynch, Askew, Pearson,
Diggins, Burchall, Boyd, Farley Elgey, Wallworth, Watson
Johnston, Coppock, Sneddon, Jennings, Wardrop, F. Alberts,
Thorne, Gray,

Cessnock

Harold, Rennex, Thompson, Anderson, Laird, Stokes, F. Renshaw,
Ross, Clarke, Marshall, A. Renfrew.

Windy Creek (Wine-Dee)

J. Wardle, Williams, Ledbury, Harrison, Morgan, Jones, Stoddard,
Richardson, Gibson, Pettigrew, Parkinson, Thompson, Roddenburry

Wallsend Mazepas

Wanless, Steel, Shaw, Gallagher, Harris, Gray, Robertson, Drysburg,
Lindsay, Parkinson, Corless, John Haydon, W. Fahey, Platt

Minmi Wanderers.

Ross, Harvey, Moyle, Dick, Daniels, Smith, Newton, Hodge, Crouch,
Jenkins, Terrance., Mulholland

Our Boys (Plattsburg Co operative)

Hepplewhite, Donkin, Mahoney, Hancock, Morgan, Ford, Wilkins
Clough, Davies, Kemp, Outram

Dudley

Kimber, Gardiner, Haddon, Croker, Merritt, Fawkes, Lysaghts,
Lysaghts, Williams, Williams, Presland, Bull, Banfield.

Gardiner Cup

Only two northern teams entered the Gardiner Cup this year, Adamstown Rosebud and Wallsend Rovers. Adamstown defeated Sydney 2x0 in round 1 and Wallsend defeated St George 1x0. Wallsend and Adamstown both received Byes in Round 2. But in Round 3 Adamstown were outgunned by the British Cruiser H.M.S. Powerful 3x2. While Wallsend suffered a 3x0 defeat at the hands of Ultimo., But Ultimo were disqualified by the Association for playing unregistered players. But Wallsend surrendered to the H.M.S. Powerful 10x0..

The season in Newcastle ended on a sour note, as friction between the "City and West Clubs sections" of the administration showed a disturbing lack of unity.

NEATH

It is difficult to trace the birth of soccer in the small mining town of Neath.

A former mining official at the Neath Colliery, the late G. W. Batey, expressed the opinion that junior soccer was first played in Neath just prior to World War I, in 1910.

However, there was always a demand for a senior team as so many outstanding juniors were produced.

Firstly, Mr. F. Pockett Senr. was the club's leading official, holding both the job of secretary and president in the club's infant days.

In 1913, Neath entered the 2nd Grade Newcastle Series with satisfying results. Players used in this season included Hinchcliffe, Hutton, Strang, Pockett, Yates, Purcell, Cusish, Colgate, Medcalf, Chapman, Patrick, Jack, Bamback. Neath had little success from 1914 to 1917 but in 1918 it operated three teams — senior, junior, under-16. In its senior team were Horne, Maloney, Drinkwater, Hutchinson, Oughton, Ryan, Harrison, Roddon, Turner, Evans, Willmott, Cusish.

Main goalscorers were Roddon 6, Turner 4, Evans 4, Willmott 4, Oughton 4.

Early in 1923, a concerted move among all the citizens to lift the club to full senior status began. Neath entered the Gardiner Cup and in its first tie defeated its near rivals Abermain by 3 to 1. It took Kurri all its effort to out Neath in the second round by 3 to 1 at Kurn. However, Neath had satisfactory results in the Coalfields Senior Grade.

In the early weeks of 1923, there were scenes of jubilation in Neath when admission was gained in the Newcastle top grade. Kurri, Weston, Cessnock, West Wallsend, Wallsend and Adamstown supported Neath's appeal, so well presented by George Genders.

The first match against Hamilton resulted in a 2 to 0 win due to goals by Endean and Shippen. The season ended on a high note as Neath beat Cessnock by 1 to 0. In a 9-team league, Neath did well to finish in seventh place. The registered list contained: M. Sternbeck, G. Jones, Hughes, Stoker, Baldwin, Barker, Roddon, Drinkwater, Hunter, Endean, Pockett, Campbell, Shippen, Hancock, Hinchcliffe. Goalscorers were L. Endean 10, G. Hancock 8, J. Drinkwater 6, G. Stoker 4, G. Shippen 4, F. Pockett 3. In the Gardiner Cup, Neath beat Newcastle (4 to 0), Two Blues (2 to 1), but in the third round went down to Sydney (1 to 0). It is fair to state here that Sydney were the beaten finalists after three matches against West Wallsend (Cup winners). In 1924, Neath finished eighth in a ten-team league.

In the Gardiner Cup, it went out by 1 to 0 to the all-powerful Adamstown, but many claimed that a disallowed goal by Auld was unfair to the Meddling Miners.

Their players included Sternbeck, G. Rennex, Baldwin, T. Shakespeare, Hughes, Stokes, Maloney, Auld, Strang, Pickett, Hinchcliffe, Hancock, R. Shakespeare, Jenkins, Roddon. The former Minmi ace "Jock" Auld top scored with 8, Drinkwater 5, Hinchcliffe 5, Strang 4, Baldwin 4.

However, Neath qualified for the Stevenson Cup final, but it went down to Kearsley by 3 to 1 — a typical Coalfields' derby in which both sides won the plaudits of the crowd. A more progressive policy of encouraging prominent youthful players was used for the 1925 season.

Among the newcomers were Alf Henwood, R. Harden, R. Jeffreys, J. Kennedy, J. Bates, R. Bates, J. Hartley, R. Cockburn, J. Purcell, Powell, Wyles, along with the more experienced players. In its eight home games, Neath won six, drew one, lost one — a very creditable effort. In the goalscoring aspect, R. Harden (12), J. Purcell (6), J. Drinkwater (5), J. Hartley (4), R. Bates (4), R. Hughes (4), all did well.

The season 1926 had hardly begun before black clouds of despair hovered around the Neath headquarters. At its annual meeting in February, the N.D.B.F.A. granted senior status to Aberdare — the fifth club on the Coalfields.

The whole fabric of Neath's administration was scarred and official, George Gender, asked the simple question, "How can we carry on as our main financial support comes from the Aberdare area?" Gender was right, for Neath only played three matches when the club folded up and resigned.

Its players were soon snapped up — Henwood, Purcell, Drinkwater went to Weston and Parker, Baldwin, Shakespeare, Hartley to Aberdare. So Neath with its limited population and financial support returned to the junior ranks — a bitter pill for such a stalwart band of soccer lovers.

1911

President. George Brown

Secretary. Jack Harrison.

SPLIT IN CONTROL

As predicted, there was a split in 'Senior Control', with the result that the NDBFA senior competition was split into two competitions. "EAST AND WEST"

They were

(A) Centred in the Adamstown Area.

(B) Centred in the Wallsend and Plattsburg area.

Entries in the Adamstown area were

Adamstown Rosebud, Merewether Advance and these were joined by Cessnock.

1911 Newcastle Senior Group	Adamstown	Cessnock	Merewether Advance	Points
Adamstown	X	2-2, 1-3	1-3, 1-3	1
Cessnock	2-2, 3-1	X	3-3, 1-2	4
Merewether Advance	3-1, 2-1	3-3, 2-1	X	7

In the Final Cessnock defeated Merewether Advance 2x1

In the Western area that is Wallsend & Plattsburg the entries were

Wallsend Mazeppas, Wallsend Royals, Minmi Starlights, West Wallsend Bluebells.

1911 Wallsend Senior Group	Wallsend Mazeppas	Wallsend Royals	Minmi Starlights	West Wallsend	Points
Wallsend Mazeppas	X	3-3, 4-1	1-0, 0-2	2-0, 2-2	8
Wallsend Royals	3-3, 1-4	X	2-2, 1-3	1-0, 0-2	4
Minmi Starlights	0-1, 2-0	2-2, 3-1	X	1-0, 0-1	7
West Wallsend	0-2, 2-2	0-1, 2-0	0-1, 1-0	X	3

Semi Finals

Minmi Starlights 3 v West Wallsend Bluebells 1

Wallsend Mazeppas 1 v Wallsend Royals 1

Replay

Wallsend Mazeppas 3 v Wallsend Royals 1

Final

Wallsend Mazeppas 2 v Minmi Starlights 0

However, in other grades, there were record entries in all grades.

2nd Grade	8 entries
3rd Grade	9 entries
4th Grade	14 entries
The Lodges	5 entries
School Competitions	6 entries.

The winners were

Senior City Area	Merewether Advance (Premiers)
	Cessnock (Ellis Cup)

Senior Western Area

Wallsend Mazeppas (Premiers)
Wallsend Mazeppas (Final)

2nd Grade
2nd Grade

3rd Grade	Abermain	(Final)
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4th Grade

The Lodges	Wallsend I.O.R.	(Final)
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The school competition was won by Plattsburg, who then went on to defeat Birchgrove 2x1 in the first State School final

Gardiner Cup

Only two nominations from Newcastle area was submitted for the Gardiner Cup, they were West Wallsend Bluebells who were beaten 2x1 by Sydney, and Wallsend suffered the same fate 2x1 beaten by Newtown.

STATE OFFICIALS SHOW CONCERN.

The State Officials were perturbed by the split in the Northern ranks.

Steve Lynch state secretary came north, after after a conference with both warring parties, arrangements were made for two State Officials to come to Newcastle and try to settle this unfortunate dispute.

On 22/7/1911 at the National Hotel Wallsend messrs E. Perrin and C. Thorpe were successful in bringing to an end this dispute. Unity was restored
Mr. Jack Harrison of Wallsend was appointed Secretary, while Mr. George Brown of New Lambton was appointed President.

Queensland Visits Newcastle

The visit of the Queensland Association team to Newcastle produced a gate of £57 pounds, and a win to Newcastle. 2x1 The Newcastle Team is (Not in correct playing positions)

Albert Elliott (Merewether Advance)

Fred Watson " "

J. Hansen " "

F. Williams (West Wallsend Bluebells)

W. Acres " "

R. Sneddon " "

J. Harrison " "

J. Thompson (Cessnock)

Clarke " "

David Williams (Minmi Starlights)

G. Barr " "

Referee J.H. Black (Sydney)

New South Wales	3 v Queensland	2
New South Wales	2 v Queensland	3.

Queenslands Association Officials asked the NSW association for a return match with Newcastle in three months time but this was rejected by State officials.

However, Newcastle sought permission to visit Queensland in September and permission was granted.

The Newcastle team was selected

Bob Elgey, J. Thompson, W. Brown, W. Thomson, F. Williams, T. Campbell, J. Cuthbert, Charlie Pickersgill (Capt) M. Lee Fred Watson, W. Stoker, D. Johnstone, J. Cook.

"BUT BUT BUT" four days prior to the proposed date of departure, the State Association cancelled permission for the tour., 'such high handed action did not go down to well with Newcastle, quickly brought caustic criticisms. from Newcastle, who in turn threatened legal action to recover £100 pounds spent on tour preparations.

New South Wales Visits Tasmania.

A NSW team visited Hobart for one match and the players

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R. Hughes (Balmain)
 F. Howieson (Granville)
 T. Denniss (Newtown)
 J. Richards (Helensburg)
 E. C. Evans (Helensburg)
 B. Patcher (Capt) Helensburg)
 W. Grummett (Newtown)
 J. B. Smythe (3) Canterbury)
 A. Jones (Corrimal)
 A. Oldfield (2) Corrimal)
 T. R. Yaylor (Corrimal)
 J. Mitchell (Balmain)
 J. Gibson (Balmain)
 H. Nurse (Manager)

New South won match 5x2

Tasmania Returns Visit

New South Wales 11 v Tasmania 0
Sydney

F.Storey(Balmain)
J.Thompson(Cessnock)
T.Denniss(Newtown)
J.Meehan(Balmain)
R.Moore(Capt)Balmain)
A.Peattie(Granville)
J.Grogan(Sydney)
A.Gallagher(2)Balmain)
B.Ferguson(5)Balmain)
W.Carroll(3)Annandale Leichhardt)
A.O'Hehir(1)Balmain)

Referee Ern Lukeman

**Would you please note that the Cessnock Club used its new colours this year. Black & Amber.

Tasmania Comes North

Tasmania played against a very strong local team, with Newcastle winning 4x0

Newcastle team was

Bob Elgey(Adamstown)G.Campbell(Adamstown)
N.Brennan(West Wallsend)Dave Williams(Minmi)
C.Harrison(Wallsend)M.Lee(1)Adamstown)J.Campbell(Westy)
J.Stewart(Westy)G.Mason(1)Westy)F.Thorpe(2)Adamstown)
J.Barry(Minmi)

1911 Wallsend Mazeppas Football Club

Back Row. J. Scott, A. Parkinson, R. Scott, E. Steel (Sec)
R. Parkinson, P. Dobinson, W. Patrick, E. Williams (Treas)
R. Wanless, W. Robertson (Pres)
Front Row. C. Parkes, J. Craig, C. Williams (Capt)
H. Patrick, W. Robertson (Jun)

Colours Green & Gold



1912 Season

President. J. Maloney

Secretary T. Estell

Treasurer. P. Slavin

On the 2nd March 1912, the report of the commission was presented to a large gathering at the Broadmeadow Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Mahoney. The report covered proposals for the future competitions in Newcastle and the Wallsend areas, together with the "Districts" ideas proposed in the following areas and boundaries.

- 1) Newcastle-Merewether, Hamilton
- 2) Wallsend-Wallsend & Plattsburg
- 3) West Wallsend
- 4) Adamstown, Charlestown, Lambton, Dudley
- 5) Minmi, Seahampton
- 6) Catherine Hill Bay, Boolaroo, Swansea, Teralba, Holmesville, Young Wallsend.
- 7) Kurri Kurri, East Greta, Heddon Greta, Weston.
- 8) Cessnock, Neath, Abermain.

There were several minor criticisms of the report and some modifications were accepted. The entries showed an upward trend and were listed as follows;

Seniors. Cessnock, Dudley, Minmi, West Wallsend
 2nd Grade. Adamstown, Killingsworth, Kurri Kurri, Merewether.
 3rd Grade 8 entries
 4th Grade 4 entries
 U/18 4 entries
 U/16 6 entries
 Schools 6 entries
 Lodges 6 entries

The Ellis Cup season commenced 18/5/1912 with fortnightly matches.

1912 Ellis Cup	Adamstown	Cessnock	Dudley	Minmi	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown	X	0-2, 1-2	1-0, 2-0	2-2, 2-3	1-2, 1-0	7
Cessnock	2-0, 2-1	X	2-1, 3-1	2-2, 2-0	3-2, 1-0	15
Dudley	0-1, 0-2	1-2, 1-3	X	1-1, 1-0	2-2, 0-3	4
Minmi	2-2, 3-2	2-2, 0-2	1-1, 0-1	X	2-4, 4-3	7
West Wallsend	2-1, 0-1	2-3, 0-1	2-2, 3-0	4-2, 3-4	X	7

Graded Teams players(Incomplete)

Adamstown Shamrocks

Gardener, Avery, Kimber, Fenwick, Wyman, Davies, Burrage, Ball,
 Sneddon, Mitchell, Tripney, Roddam, Paton.

Holmesville

Talbot, Edden, Winwood, Terrace, Warburton, Avery, Woods, Pease,
 Gray, Love, Ryan, Fenwick, Mitchell, Tripney.

West End

Onslow, Gill, Jackson, Thompson, Fisher, Cairns, Blythe
Wales, Williams, Woods, Johns, Lingard, Hedley

Bolaroo

Stickney, Burns, Dobson, Smailes, Brockman, Hyde, Lewis,
Bull, Dever, Wilmott

Adamstown

Elgey, Doyle, Doyle, Sykes, Harris, George, Hopton, Price, Lee,
Wallworth, Bartley, Russell, Arthur, Elliott, Johnson,
Mitchell, Cunningham, Robinson, Filby, Maxwell, Loveday.

Dudley Thistles

Mowbray, Thompson, Grayson, Crittendale, Rundle, Saults,
Presland, Sketchley, Graham, Mitchell

Redhead Moppies

McDougall, Hunt, Gilchrist, Geddes, Dodds, Brennan, Wilson
Hetherington, Conlon, Cato, Westbrook, McLelland.

Adamstown, Cessnock, Minmi West Wallsend qualified for
the semi finals.

Cessnock defeated Adamstown 3x1

West Wallsend defeated Minmi 3x0.

In the final at Newcastle Showground West Wallsend and
Cessnock played a 1x1 draw., in the replay one week later
a penalty converted by "Tup" Rennix saw the cup go to
Cessnock.

The Cessnock Team

T. Spowart
G. Rennix
J. Thompson
A. Walker,
J. Gaul
A. Renfrew
C. Waite
W. Thomson
W. Faulds
J. Brown
H. Clayton

West Wallsend Team

T. Coates
F. Williams
N. Brennan
J. Stewart
R. Sneddon
T. Campbell
C. Lewis
J. Richmond
G. Mason
C. Thompson
J. Harrison

Interstate Games

An interstate series between NSW and Queensland took
place with two games being played in Sydney.

The first match on 22nd June at Wentworth Park,

NSW 2 v Queensland 1

NSW Team was F. Storey (Balmain) F. Milner (Corrimal)

R. O. White (Corrimal) A. Gallagher (Corrimal) J. Herron (Sydney)

A. Latta (Balmain) G. Hughes (Sydney) A. Moore (Capt) (Balmain)

J. Grogan (Sydney) A. Jones (Corrimal) S. Blake (Newtown)

Referee. Rev. G. H. Hargot.

In the second match, held at Epping on 29th June, NSW 6 defeated Queensland 0. This game saw NSW line up F.Storey(Balmain) A.Latta(Balmain) E.G.Hughes(Sydney) J.Meehan(Balmain) A.Moore(Balmain) J.Rhodes(Sydney) J.Grogan(Sydney) W.Robertson(Balmain) A.Jones(Corrimal) W.Carroll(Annandale Leichhardt) J.Micholl(Sydney)
Referee W.Lincoln

During the Queenslanders visit they met the South Coast going down 8x2 to the coasters.
The South Coast team was Drain, Salisbury, Maxwell, Jeffries, C.Masters, J.Rhodes, Ackers, C.Jones(3) A.Jones(2) J.Masters(3) Taylor(1)

Queensland Team
Morrison, Dowding, Law(1) Mackay, Young, Burns, Bullock, Fontaine(1) Adkin, Bowman, Dickson,

New South Wales sent a team to Queensland later in the year.

In game 1. NSW 2 defeated Queensland 1
In game 2, the result was the same NSW 2 v Queensland 1
The NSW touring team was
R.Hughes(Balmain, J.Thompson(Cessnock) A.Latta(Balmain)
M.Vandenneiche(Balmain) J.Haigh(Balmain) A.Moore(Balmain)
S.Hilder(Newtown) J.Mitchell(Newtown) L.Howie(Corrimal)
W.Acres(West Wallsend) A.Jones(Corrimal)
J.Ferguson(Balmain) A.O'Hehir(Balmain)

In an intrastate match between South Coast and Sydney Metropolitan, the teams were

South Coast	2 v Sydney Metropolitan 2
Drain	F.Storey
Broadhead	Woodbine
Maxwell	Harrigan
Jeffries	Oliphant
C.Masters	Milner
J.Rhodes	Howie
Ackers(1)	Teasel
J.Jones	Vandenneiche
A.Jones(1)	Killan(1)
A.Oldfield	Carroll(1)
J.Masters	Davies.

1913 Season

President.H.Maggs

Secretary.T.Estell

Entries for this season showed a big increase with six teams nominating for the senior grade.,ten for 2nd grade, 20 for 3rd grade and eight for the U/18.

The season opened on the 7th May. with the six nominated teams, but unfortunately, Wallsend Mazeppas withdrew on June 6th.

1913 Premiership Series	Cessnock	Merewether Advance	Wallsend Mazeppas	Minmi	Morisset	West Wallsend	Points
Cessnock	X	0-1, 0-1	3-0, W/F	2-0, 1-1	2-0, 1-0	1-2, 1-3	11
Merewether Advance	1-0, 1-0	X	2-0, W/F	1-0, 2-0	4-1, 3-1	1-1, 3-1	19
Wallsend Mazeppas	0-3, L/F	0-2, L/F	X	L/F, L/F	L/F, L/F	L/F, L/F	0
Minmi	0-2, 1-1	0-2, 0-1	W/F, W/F	X	3-2, 2-2	1-2, 0-1	8
Morisset	0-2, 0-1	1-4, 1-3	W/F, W/F	2-3, 2-2	X	1-4, 1-3	5
West Wallsend	2-1, 3-1	1-1, 1-3	W/F, W/F	2-1, 1-0	4-1, 3-1	X	17

In the Premiership Final, West Wallsend narrowly defeated Merewether Advance after 270 minutes of play. The scores were 2x2 in game 1 and 1x1 in the 2nd match, and finally, 2x1 to West Wallsend in the 3rd match.

West Wallsend 2 v Merewether Advance 1

Sneddon	Elliott
Knudson.	Doyle
Williams.	Johnson
Sneddon	Pickersgill
Campbell	Sneddon
Stewart	Loveday
Ackers	Gray
Sinclair	Thorpe
Curhbert	Lee
Simpson,	Alberts
Gardener	Watson

Ellis Cup

In the Ellis Cup final, Merewether Advance were more successful, downing Weston 2x1
Merewether Advance Elliott, Doyle, Johnson, Pickersgill,
Sneddon, Loveday, Gray, Thorpe, Lee, Alberts, Watson

Weston. Bowie, Hindmarsh, Gilmour, Williams, Cameron, Stoker,
Tickle, Kidd, McNaughton, Mather, Tweddie

1913

In the 2nd Grade final Minmi defeated Cessnock 2x1.
U/18 Grade Wallsend and West Wallsend played three successive draws. 1x1, 1x1, 1x1 and so decided to share the trophy.

NSW VISITS Victoria

NSW met Victoria at Epping where in the first match Victoria defeated NSW 3x2

For Nsw

W. Geering (Canterbury)
J. Ross (Burns Anniversary)
E. Hughes (Sydney)
A. Moore (Capt) (Balmain)
E. Ferrier (Balmain)
E. Bywater (Newtown)
J. Crogan (Balmain)
A. Jones (Corrimal)
J. Herron (Sydney)
J. Masters (2) (Newtown)
S. Blake (Newtown)

In the second match at Epping

NSW 1 v Victoria 0

L. Mitchell (Newtown)
J. Thompson (Capt) (Cessnock)
David Williams (Minmi)
A. Newton (Newtown)
J. Carmichael (Newtown)
T. Rose (Balmain)
W. Ackers (West Wallsend)
W. Robertson (Balmain)
A. Layton (1) (Northern Suburbs)
W. Carroll (Annandale Leichhardt)
J. Warrior (West Sydney)

WHERE

NSW Visits Victoria, where two matches were played at Fitzroy.

16th August Victoria won 3x2.

NSW TEAM WAS H. Lowe (Annandale Leichhardt) David Williams (Minmi)
E. Hughes (Sydney) D. Cain (Minmi) G. Newson (Annandale Leichhardt)
J. Stoker (Weston) N. Musgrove (Canterbury) W. Teasel (Glebe)
C. Jones (Northern Suburbs) W. Carroll (Capt) (2) (Annandale Leich)
S. Blake (Newtown.)

The second match on 23rd August saw a 1x1 result

NSW TEAM

H. Lowe (Annandale Leichhardt) E. Hughes (Sydney)
G. Newson (Annandale Leichhardt) J. Raigh (Canterbury)
J. Ferguson (Balmain) M. Musgrave (Canterbury) C. Jones N. Suburbs)
W. Teasel (1) (Glebe) W. Carroll (Capt) (Annandale Leichhardt)
S. Blake (Newtown) J. Ross (Burns Anniversary)



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1913

New South Wales 2 v Queensland 2
Epping Sydney

W.Geering(Canterbury)
J.Ross(Burns Anniversary)
E.G.Hughes(Sydney)
A"Bert"Moore(Capt)Balmain)
E.Ferrier(Balmain)
E.Bywater(Newtown)
J.Grogan(Balmain)
A.Jones(Corrimal)
J.Herron(Sydney)
Judy Masters(2)Newtown)
Newton(Newtown)
S.Blake(Newtown)

Referee W.Lincoln

New South Wales 1 v Queensland 0
Epping Sydney

J.Mitchell(Newtown)
J.Thompson(Capt)Cessnock)
Dave Williams(Minmi Rangers)
A.Newton(Newtown)
A.Carmichael(Newtown)
T.Rose(Balmain)
W.Acres(West Wallsend)
W.Robertson(Balmain)
A.Layton(1)Northern Suburbs)
W.Carroll(Annandale)
J.Warrior(West Sydney)

Referee Ern Lukeman

1913 Player Register

Abermain(Incomplete)

Rose, Barker, Crook, Bell, Lott, Hunter, Bailey, Chapple,
Outram, Soydell, Logan

WallSEND(Incomplete)

Rushton, Wanless, R. Means, W. Craig, P. Vials, Steele, W. Gray
Bert Mansfield, A. Gray, Maddison, Bower.

Neath(Incomplete)

Hinchcliffe, Hutton, Strang, Pockett, Yates, Purcell, Cusick,
Colgate, Metcalfe, Chapman, Jack, Patrick, Bamback.

1914 Season

President. H. Maggs

Secretary. D. Johnston

Treasurer. T. Estell

At the Annual General Meeting held at Wallsend on the 24th January, Secretary elect, Mr Dave Johnston, recommended the formation of a Management Committee to enable important decisions to be made quickly.

This was agreed to. Another innovation was the formation of a REFEREES ASSOCIATION with Thomas Crawford (West-Wallsend) and T. Durie (Wallsend) as delegates. It was further decided that the Examination Committee, to test potential referees, would consist of Messrs T. Crawford, J. Sanderson, and R. Skillings.

In the inter-district game in Sydney, Newcastle went down to the southerners 3x2.

The Northern Team was (Not in playing order)

R. Sneddon (West Wallsend) F. Williams (West Wallsend)

J. Thomson (Cessnock) J. Clarke (Cessnock) W. Stoker (Weston)

D. Clarke (Weston) C. Pickersgill (Merewether Advance)

J. Sneddon (Merewether Advance) T. Thorpe (Merewether Advance)

Fred Alberts (Merewether Advance) F. Watson (Merewether Adv.)

At the end of the Premiership series the table read.

Weston	10
Merewether Advance	9
West Wallsend Bluebells	8
Cessnock	6
Wallsend Rovers	1

In the Final Merewether Advance beat Weston 1x0 with the winning goal being scored by J. Thorpe.

the Weston Geordies fielded three new arrivals from overseas during this season, they being, Bill Lambert, Jimmy Ballamy, Jim Laird.

INTER-State Games

Victoria toured NSW AND played two matches against the locals. Victoria won both games the first 1x0 the second 3x2. Referees for the games were E. Ratcliffe game 1. and J. McDonald game 2.

The NSW TEAM FOR GAME 1.

was. H. Lowe (Annandale Leichhardt) J. Ross (Burns Anniversary)

L. Gill (Granville) R. Moore (Granville)

E. Nash (Annandale Leichhardt) J. Grogan (Sydney)

Wyber (Sydney) J. Doener (Granville) Judy Masters (South Coast)

S. Blake (Newtown) J. Sneddon (Merewether Advance)

Game 2 teams - Victoria won 3 goals to 2
NSW Team - 1914

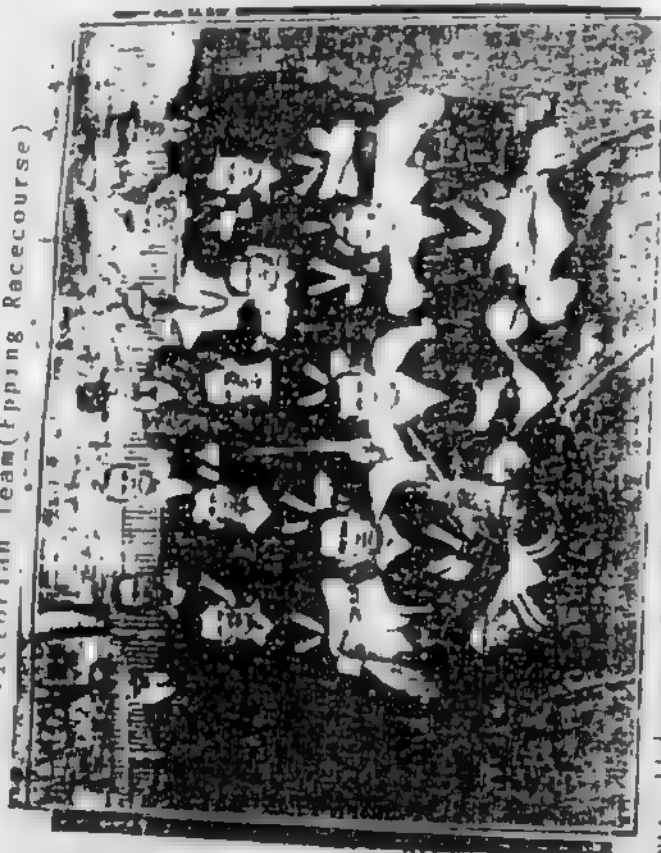


Back Row: D Boyd (Line Umpire), D McIvor (Reserve), J MacDonald (Referee), I Thompson, H Lowe, J Nobbs (President NSWFA), P Stanger, W A Wright (Line Umpire), F Gow (Trm)

Middle Row: W Wyber, A A Gallagher, J Haskins, W Carroll (Capt), S Blake

Front Row: R Rasell, S Hilder, E Nash

Victorian Team (Fpping Racecourse)



Back Row: Unknown, G Wells, H Kelly, J Nobbs (President NSWFA), W Twigg, G Raitt, I Crawford (Mgt)
 Middle Row J Grieves, G Brown, T Ruddiman, W Church, J Anderson
 Front Row: J Lowe, D McMillan (Cap), A Fisher

1914 Season

Queensland Tour.

Newcastle secured one representative in a team of 15 to tour Queensland in June.

Jimmy Thomson of Cessnock who was hailed as the find of the decade. The full touring team was

H.Lowe(Ann Leichhardt)P.Stranger(Sydney)J.Ross (Burns-

Anniversary)E.Hughes(Sydney)A.Law(Balmain)

A.Quill(Annandale Leichhardt)Jim Thomson(Cessnock)

W.Carroll(Capt)Annandale Leichhardt)E.Nash (Ann-Leich)

D.McIvor(Sydney)W.Burroughs(Sydney)E.Ferrier(Balmain)

Results of the two matches were

Match 1. Queensland won 3x2

Match.2 0x0 Draw.

***Would you please note A.Quill is the father of Alf Quill who would play with Wallsend in the 1930-40's

Gardiner Cup

In the Gardiner Cup, a record number of five teams from the north entered. They were Merewether Advance, West Wallsend, Cessnock, Wallsend Rovers, Weston. Merewether were beaten in the final at Epping Racecourse on 26th Sept by Granville 3x1, Four of Merewether Advance team had enlisted by this time and were at the army camp in Sydney.

However, leave was granted to them to play in the final.

Of the other northern contenders Wallsend were eliminated in the first round, West Wallsend lost to Weston. Cessnock lost in round 2, Weston went to Holroyd in round three, but then went down to Granville 3x2 in the semi final.

1914 Bis Cup	Cessnock	Merewether Advance	Wallsend	Weston	West Wallsend	Points
Cessnock	X	6-1, 0-5	1-1, W/F	0-0, 0-2	1-0, 0-1	8
Merewether Advance	5-0, 1-6	X	2-0, W/F	1-1, 1-0	1-2, 4-0	11
Wallsend	1-1, L/F	0-2, L/F	X	0-3, L/F	0-3, 0-1	1
Weston	0-0, 2-0	1-1, 0-1	3-0, W/F	X	2-1, 1-1	11
West Wallsend	1-0, 0-1	2-1, 0-4	3-0, 1-0	1-2, 1-1	X	9

Ellis Cup results

Semi Finals

West Wallsend 2 v Weston 1

Bye to Merewether Advance.

Final Merewether Advance 0 v West Wallsend 0

Replay

Merewether Advance 3 v West Wallsend 0

1914

New South Wales visits Queensland

Players were

H.Lowe(Annandale Leichhardt)E.Stranger(Sydney)
 J.Ross Burns Anniversary)E.Hughes(Sydney)
 A.Law(Balmain)Alf Quill(Annandale Leichhardt)
 A.Gallagher(Annandale Leichhardt)J.Edge(Annandale Leich)
 H.Harrison(Annandale Leichhardt)D.McIvor(Sydney)
 W.Carroll(Capt(Annandale Leichhardt)E.Ferrier(Balmain)
 E.Nash(Annandale Leichhardt)W.Burroughs(Sydney)
 **Please note that A.Quill is the father of Alf Quill
 who would later write the records of Northern Football
 in the 1930-40 era.

New South Wales	2 v Queensland	3
New South Wales	0 v Queensland	0

New South Wales	2 v Victoria	3
H.Lowe(Annandale Leich)	G.Wells	
Jimmy Thompson(Cessnock)	H.Kelly	
E.Stranger(Sydney)	W.Twigg	
E.Nash(Annandale Leich)	G.Raitt	
S.Hilder(Granville)	J.Grieves	
Rosall(South Coast)	G.Brown	
Wyber(Sydney)	D.McMillan(Capt)	
A.Gallagher(Annandale Leich)	A.Fisher	
Hoskins(Sydney)	T.Ruddian	
W.Carroll(Capt)Annandale Leich)	W.Church	
S.Blake(Newtown)	T.Anderson	
	Reserve	
	T.Lowe	

Referee J.McDonald

New South Wales	0 v Victoria	1
H.Lowe(Annandale Leich)		
J.Ross(Burns Anniversary)		
L.Gill(Granville)		
R.Moore(Granville)		
R.Sneddon(Merewether Advance)		
E.Nash(Annandale Leichhardt)		
J.Grogan(Sydney)		
Wyber(Sydney)		
J.Doerner(Sydney)		
Judy Masters(Balgownie)		
S.Blake(Newtown)		

Referee E.Ratcliffe.

1914 Knock Out Competition

Round.1. Merewether Advance	7 v Killingsworth	0
Weston	4 v Minmi	3
Wallsend	1 v West Wallsend	0
Cessnock	6 v Merewether (B)	1

Semi Finals

Weston	4 v Wallsend	0
Merewether Advance	4 v Cessnock	3

Final	Merewether Advance	1 v Weston	0
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War Clouds Gather on the Western Front
The month of August brought war clouds across the British Empire and like all sporting codes, many players signed up for service. However, the 1914 season was completed before the AIF sailed overseas.

Player Register

Merewether Advance

Fred Watson, Joker Sneddon, Charlie Pickersgill, Herron, Banks, Banks, Peter Doyle, Barnes, Winter, C. Johnson, Terrias, Fred Alberts, Freeman, Thorpe, Williams, Ford, Harvey, Bissett, McLaren, Gray, Peter Coppick, Blackwood, Borthwick, Elsey, Loveday.

West Wallsend.

R. Sneddon, F. Williams, C. Knudson, J. Stewart, Gardener
J. Sneddon, J. Harrison, Thompson, T. Sinclair, Lewis, Campbell, Simpson, Burrell, Grimson, J. Bainbridge, M. McConnell,

Cessnock

Spowart, T. Rennix, Gaul, Clarke, Brown, J. Thompson, A. Thomson, Wells, McBlane, Walker, Leckie, Faulds, Hancock, Hartley, Colquhan, Ashman, Baldwin, Bowie, Loneragan, Marshall

Weston

Hindmarsh, Bobby Austin, R. Austin, H. Smith, J. Smith, J. Gilmour, Sneddon, Stoker, Mather, Kidd, A. Lambert, Godsell, Ramage, J. Clarke, Jack Avis, Carr, Tweddle.

Wallsend

Oliver, Bob Lidbury, J. Jones, Mahoney, Mahoney, Williams
Parkes, Robinson, Davies, Albert Morgan, Paterson, S. See, Stewart, Fogo, Lewis Yargo Roy

Wallsend Mazeppas

V. Dobinson, R. Robertson, J. Robertson, W. Patrick, J. Patrick, H. Wanless, R. Scott, A. Morgan, Stewart, Buchanan, Scott, Maloney

Merewether Advance (2nd Grade)

Abe Elliott, Cob Johnson, E. Loveday, Joe Thorpe, J. See, Stewart, Gray, Sneddon, C. Pickersgill, Thoms, Oliver, Hirst, Richards, Woods, Doyle, F. Watson.

WANDERERS

Minna, Fred Price, David Williams, Joker Bilbie, Len Pugh, Bob Cain
Bill Newton, Hugh Willoughby, George Barr, Jack Barr,
James Brown, Flemming, Itchy Archibold.

Weston

A. Boyle, W. B. Hindmarsh, Jack Calmeur, S. Williams, R. Kidd,
J. Stokes, J. Bates, R. Stephenson, J. Sheeoon, J. Mather,
S. Tweedie, Andy McNaughton, Bill Beverley.

Killingsworth (Incomplete)

Coates, M. Millan, Slater, Dempsey, M. Vares, T. Ross, Cook,
McWilliams, Richmond, Frew, Ansell

East Greta (Incomplete)

Lawender, Cartwright, Jovett, R. Jovett, J. Jovett, Bewes,
Burns, Allen, Taylor, Armstrong, Moore, H. Cook, J. Cook.

North Road

John Swardbrick, Jack Wallworth, Adam Damage, John Hadley,
Jack Lockhart, C. Bower, Bill Swardbrick, George Hancock,
Tom Critson, Dave Clarke, Snow Brown, John Vardolough,
John Griffiths.

Two Grade Teams

West Wallsend, Wallarah, Minna, Abermain, Weston,
Killingsworth, Merewether Advance.

Two Grade Teams

Cessnock, Abermain, Young Wallsend, Dudley, Wallsend No. 1
Wallsend No. 2, Wallarah, Rhondda, Adamstown, Neath, Seaham,
Sawyers Gully, West Wallsend

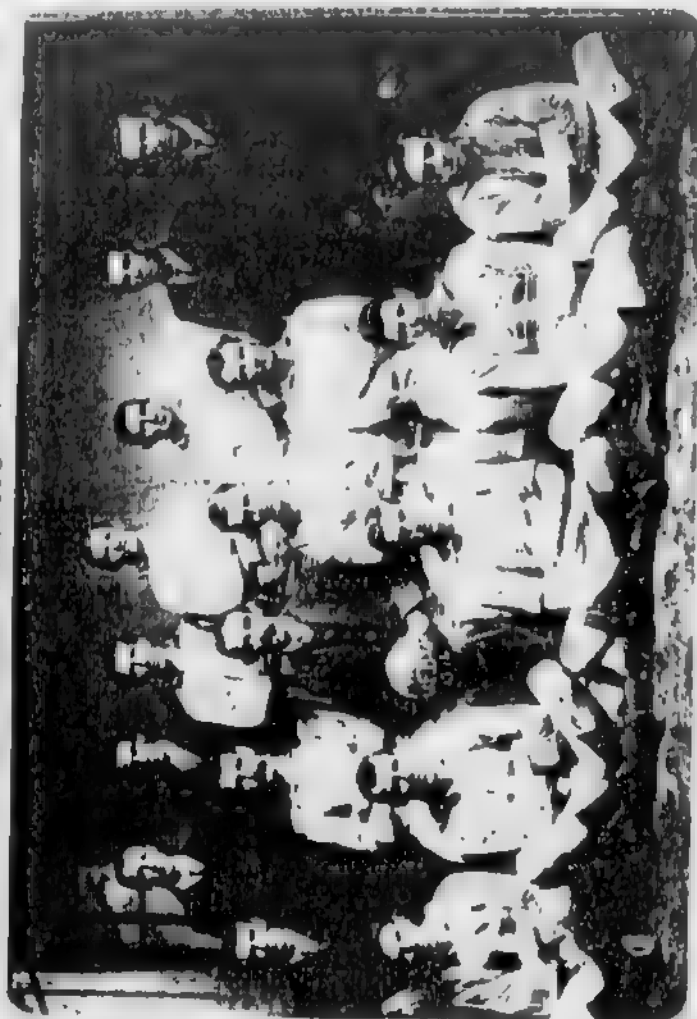
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Boolaroo, East Greta, Cessnock, Abermain, Wallsend No. 1,
Wallsend No. 2, Dudley, New Lambton, Neath, West Wallsend,
Merewether Advance, Adamstown, Cardiff

Registered Referee's

B. Pratten, H. Pratten, McBlane, Tom Crawford, J. Sanderson
Walker, Tomilson, Hughes, Dellacca, Skillings, Tom Durie
H. Roy,

Ninmi Wanderers '9/4



Back Row: J Daniels, R Clark, J W Pickard (Secretary), J Wilson, J Bilbie, M Moyle, S Smith (Treasurer)

Middle Row: W Mullen, G Hay, M Kane (President), H Daniels, W Newton

Front Row: W Lang, J Russell, N Cramp (Capt), D Newton, W Mulholland



The soldiers of the East Surrey Regiment playing soccer as they advance across no-man's-land through a hail of enemy fire. A patriotic poet commemorated the event: 'Where blood is poured like water they drive the trickling ball... True to the land that bore them, The Surreys play the game!'

1914



Mr. Frank Mellier Smith with his proud memory of winning the Southern British Football Premiership.
Mr Mellier Smith according to my records, was no ordinary player (See NSW state line up 1915) Played many years with Granville. He looks very proud indeed with his winners cap and so he should be.
Many Northern players also won similar caps, but unfortunately I could not obtain a loan of one.



1914 The Weston British Football Team
 Back Row. R. Aynsley (Sec) S. Williams, W. B. Hindmarsh,
 A. S. Bowie, J. W. Gilmour, J. W. Stoker, R. Stevenson.
 Third Row. R. Dickman
 Seated. J. Bates, R. Kidd, J. F. Mather (V. Capt) W. Tweddle
 Sitting on Ground. Seddon (Capt)

1914

National Football Body

It was during this year that the first attempt was made to form a national body organisation.

Commonwealth Football Association Formed.

President. H.L. Doherty (Victoria)
Secretary-Treasurer Ern Lukeman (NSW)
Delegates at the conference were

President of NSW F.W. Barlow
President of Victoria E.G. Crawford
Secretary of South Australia W. Bellis
Secretary of Queensland J.S. Hildreth
President of Tasmania J.H. Starr
West Australia was represented by the convenor of the meeting Mr. Ern Lukeman.

It was resolved that the Commonwealth Football Association exercise complete control over all International and Interstate tours in the future.

It was further resolved that England be asked to send a First Class touring to Australia as soon as possible.

The meeting closed with all visitors being entertained by the Melbourne Sports Union Club.

Commonwealth Referee's Association Formed Brisbane 1914

Chairman. J.J.B. Honeysett (Tasmania)

Patron. John Nobbs (MLA) (NSW)

Vice Presidents.

Cuthbert Parsons (South Australia)

S.I. Ross (Queensland)

J.J.B. Honeysett (Tasmania)

H.L. Doherty (Victoria)

W. Lincoln (NSW)

A. McDonald (West Australia)

Secretary-Treasurer J.H. Black (NSW)

**Would you please note that both these organisations were reported to have gone into recess till after the War

**Please note that throughout the early 1920's Mr. E. Lukeman, with the support of the President of the Southern NSW British Football Association called a meeting in Melbourne at the Caledonian Club on the 16/8/1921 with the view of reforming a National body.

1915 Season

President. T. McBlane

Secretary. David. T. Johnston

Treasurer. R. Skillings

The War caused many problems for officials of all sporting bodies, but, the Northern District British Football Association decided to continue with its competitions.

The strong Weston Club lost five of its players to West Wallsend, through the lack of a decision as to what Weston was going to do, Carry on, or disband till the War was over.

Those players were W. Lambert, J. Mather, D. Clarke, A. Ramage, and Jack Gilmour.

Two inter District matches were played during the year. Firstly, Newcastle met Sydney with a team comprising G. Jones, A. Ramage, C. Knudson, C. Pickersgill, J. Laird, Peter Coppick, J. Thorpe, F. Alberts, Jack Gilmour, W. Lambert, D. Clarke.

1915 Ellis Cup	Cessnock	Newcastle United	Merewether Advance	West Wallsend	Points
Cessnock	X	2-0, 2-1, 2-1	1-2, 0-0, 0-0	2-1, 3-1, 1-1	13
Newcastle United	0-2, 1-2, 1-2	X	1-4, 1-4, 1-2	1-2, 1-2, 1-4	0
Merewether Advance	2-1, 0-0, 0-0	4-1, 4-1, 2-1	X	1-3, 3-0, 1-0	14
West Wallsend	1-2, 1-3, 1-1	2-1, 2-1, 4-1	3-1, 0-3, 0- 1	X	9

In the Ellis Cup final, held on 25th August, Merewether Advance 2 defeated Cessnock 1.

Merewether Advance 2	v	Cessnock	1
Bob Elgey		Harold	
Johnson		Ross	
Wallworth		Rennix	
Way		Anderson	
Coppick		Laird	
Sneddon		Thomson(1)	
Pickersgill		Renfrew	
Watson		Colquhan	
Alberts(1)		Hancock	
Thorpe		Davies	
Jennings(1)		Jowett	

1915

Newcastle

2 v Sydney

2

Newcastle Showground 24/5/1915

Jones	Cooper(Drummoyne)
David Williams	Gill(Granville)
Jim Thompson(Capt)	E.Hughes(Sydney)
Charlie Pickerskill	R.Moore(Capt)Granville)
J.Laird	Lee(Pymont)
P.Coppock	Woodhouse(
D.Clarke	Nash(Annandale Leichhardt)
J.Thorpe	McGhee(Pymont)
F.Alberts	Charlton(Balmain)
J.Gilmour	McLean(2)Pymont)
H.Bellamy	S.Blake(Northern Suburbs)

Referee R.Skillings

Sydney

0 v Newcastle

0

Sydney 7/6/1915

H.Lowe(Annandale Leich)	Jones
E.Hughes(Sydney)	S.Ramage
L.Gill(Granville)	C.Knudson
R.Moore(Capt)Granville)	C.Pickerskill
J.Ferguson(Balmain)	J.Laird
McLean(Pymont)	P.Coppock
Miranda(Drummoyne)	D.Clarke
Charlton(Balmain)	Lambert
M.Smith(Granville)	F.Alberts
H.Hoffman(Granville)	J.Thorpe
S.Blake(Northern Suburbs)	H.Bellamy

Referee W.Lincoln.



1915 Weston British Football Club.

Back Row. W. Lambert, W. B. Hindmarsh, Bobby Austin, J. Henry
G. Kennedy.

2nd Row. F. Telfer, Dick Austin, J. Duxfield, R. Veitch, R. Humble
W. S. Paul

2nd Front. R. Tweedle, J. Kell, H. Bellamy, W. Beverley, J. Perry

† W. Tweedle

Front. Jack Avis, J. Bellamy

Queensland Visits North

In June, a local representative team defeated a visiting Queensland side, 2x1

Newcastle 2 v Queensland 1

G. Jones
F. Williams,
Jim Thomson
C. Pickersgill(1)
J. Laird
P. Coppick
J. Thorpe
F. Alberts
J. Gilmour
J. Bellamy
D. Clarke(1)

Queensland however redeemed themselves by beating NSW at the University Oval in Sydney on the 28th June.

The score being 4x2 .

NSW Team 2 v Queensland 4

H. Lowe(Annandale Leichhardt)
L. Gill(Granville)
Hughes(Sydney)
C. Knudson(West Wallsend)
R. Moore(Capt)Granville)
J. Laird(Cessnock)
Ferris(Annandale Leichhardt)
Cob Jones(Corrimal)
Fred Alberts(Merewether Advance)
Frank Mellier Smith(Granville)

Gardiner Cup

Five Northern teams nominated for the Gardiner Cup, Merewether Advance, West Wallsend Bluebells, Wallsend Rovers, Cessnock Caledonians, and Newcastle United

West Wallsend progressed to the final by beating Granville in the semis, 2x1 in a replay after they had tied 2x2 in the first game.

The War time final saw Balmain defeat the Bluebells 2x0.

Kerr Cup

In the Kerr Cup final, on the 30th October, Merewether Advance defeated West Wallsend 3x2.

The second Grade Final went to Weston who defeated Adamstown 5x2.

Weston's Team. Bobby Austin, W. Hindmarsh, J. Henry, Dick Austin, J. Sneddon, J. Duxfield, Jack Avis(2) H. Bellamy(2)
W. Beveridge(1) W. Veitch, and J. Bellamy

Adamstown's Team. Bob Elgey, Stewart, Beeton, Hopton, Arthur, Harrison, Coates, Robinson, Cameron(1) Lewis(1) Cunningham

For the record the full series of the Kerr Cup was as follows

Round.1.	Newcastle United	2 v Cessnock	1
	Merewether Advance	5 v Pyrmont (A)	1
	West Wallsend	4 v Annandale Leich	1
	Young Wallsend	2 v Glebe	0
	Balmain	2 v Pyrmont(B)	1

Round.2.	Merewether Advance	4 v Balmain	0
	West Wallsend	3 v Newcastle United	1
	Young Wallsend(Bye)		

Semi Finals

West Wallsend won on Forfeit from Young Wallsend
Merewether Advance(Bye)

Final	Merewether Advance	3 v West Wallsend	2.
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Player Register.

Merewether Advance

Bob Elgey, Jack Doyle, Thorpe, Bateman, Beeton, Watson,
F. Alberts, Purvis, C. Pickersgill, Johnson, Hogg, Mullins,
Wallworth, Rouse, Stewart, Gray, Elliott, Sneddon, Wardrop,
Coppick, Gaul, Mitchell, Bates, Jennings.

Cessnock

G. Rennix, Harold Ross, Bath, Clarke, Stephens, J. Laird,
Brown, Brunskill, Coxalt, Colquhan, Auld Davis, Pate, Walker,
Collins, Shaw, J. Marshall, J. Thomson, W. Thomson, Stoker
Anderson, Chevall, F. Renfrew, R. Renfrew, McCullen, J. Jowett

Newcastle United

Reedie, Williams, Rodden, Harris, Borthwaite, Donaldson,
Donaldson, Craigie, Hunter, Lewis, McKenna, Aitken, Caldwell
McDade, Fyfe, Gillen, Eggleton, Pickersgill, McKinnon,
Davies, Howard, Robinson, Searle, Roy, Shaw.

West Wallsend

Jones, F. Harrison, C. Knudson, Sneddon, Ray, Gilmour, Clarke,
Hicks, Gardener, T. Sinclair, Bainbridge, Lewis, Brennan,
Ramage, Lambert, Gilmour, Williams, Campbell

Registered Referee's

Gibson, R. Blair, Laurie Tamlyn, J. Sanders, Hughes, Mills,
Courr, Spovart, Dellacca, Hands, Tom Durie, Harry Pratten,
Bede Pratten, R. Skillings, Westwood, Harley, Simpson,
Walker, H. Maggs(President) D.T. Johnston(Secretary)
J. Sanderson(treasurer) Tom Crawford.



No names are available

Note Spelling of "Abadare"

For the record the full series of the Kerr Cup was as follows

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Wallworth, Rouse, Stewart, Gray, Elliott, Sneddon, Wardrop,
Coppick, Gaul, Mitchell, Bates, Jennings.

Cessnock

G. Rennix, Harold Ross, Bath, Clarke, Stephens, J. Laird,
Brown, Brunskill, Coxalt, Colquhan, Auld Davis, Pate, Walker,
Collins, Shaw, J. Marshall, J. Thomson, W. Thomson, Stoker
Anderson, Chevalli, F. Renfrew, R. Renfrew, McCullen, J. Jowett

Newcastle United

Reedie, Williams, Rodden, Harris, Borthwaite, Donaldson,
Donaldson, Craigie, Hunter, Lewis, McKenna, Aitken, Caldwell
McDade, Fyfe, Gillen, Eggleton, Pickersgill, McKinnon,
Davies, Howard, Robinson, Searle, Roy, Shaw.

West Wallsend

Jones, F. Harrison, C. Knudson, Sneddon, Ray, Gilmour, Clarke,
Hicks, Gardener, T. Sinclair, Bainbridge, Lewis, Brennan,
Ramage, Lambert, Gilmour, Williams, Campbell

Registered Referee's

Gibson, R. Blair, Laurie Tamlyn, J. Sanders, Hughes, Mills,
Court, Spowart, Dellacca, Hands, Tom Durie, Harry Pratten,
Bede Pratten, R. Skillings, Westwood, Harley, Simpson,
Walker, H. Maggs(President) D. T. Johnston(Secretary)
J. Sanderson(treasurer) Tom Crawford.

1916 Season

President.T.McBlane
 Secretary.Ed Masterson
 Treasurer.

1916 saw the World war move into its third year. All sections of the community had to make sacrifices to ensure victory. In the north, there was a continued heavy enlistment of manpower and the Association, under Secretary, Ted Masterson, had to face such problems. The full delegates' meeting, however, found a very suitable solution. Importantly, the code was kept alive while also bearing in mind the need to help the war effort from every possible angle. It was decided that the top competition, and the U/18 series as well, would be "All Aged" Premierships. Each entrant in the top circle would be allowed four "regular" senior players plus seven former juniors

Under this system nine entries were received-Boolaroo, Cassnock, Kurri Kurri, Merewether Advance(A) Merewether Advance(B), Newcastle United, Wallsend Royals, Wallsend Rovers, Weston(A) Weston(B). In the U/18 grade, there were 10 entries. Abermain, Boolaroo, Cassnock, East Greta, Kurri Kurri, Merewether Advance, Wallsend Rovers, Adamstown, Merewether Stirlings and Chookias. Blackburn Oval, near the Junction, was the central ground. and many important matches were staged there.

1916 Eis Cup	Cassnock	Newcastle United	Merewether Advance A	Merewether Advance B	Wallsend	Weston A	Weston B	Kurri Kurri	Points
Boolaroo	X	1-2	0-1	3-3, 1-0	1-5	0-5	1-2	2-1	5
Newcastle United	2-1	X	3-1	W/F	2-2, 1-0	0-2	0-3	W/F	11
Merewether Advance A	1-0	1-3	X	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	3-1	8
Merewether Advance B	0-1, 3-3	L/F	1-2	X	L/F	0-3	1-3	W/F	3
Wallsend	5-1	2-2, 0-1	1-1	W/F	X	4-1	0-1	W/F	10
Weston A	5-0	2-0	0-0	3-0	1-4	X	1-1, 2-2	W/F	11
Weston B	2-1	3-0	2-1	3-1	1-0	1-1, 2-2	X	2-0	14
Kurri Kurri	1-2	L/F	1-3	L/F	L/F	L/F	0-2	X	0

The season commenced on the 8th July, Kurri Kurri withdrew on the 12 August due to heavy enlistments

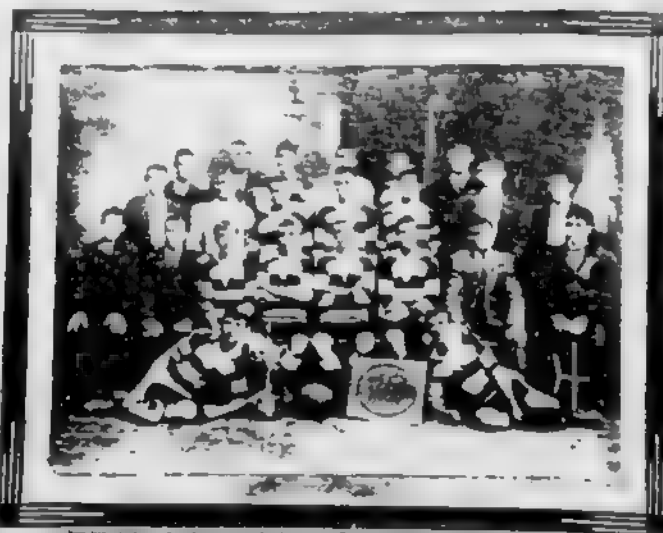
1916

in the top circle, Weston (A) Weston (B), Newcastle United qualified for the semi finals. in game 1, Weston(A) 1 v Newcastle United 0, while Weston(B) defeated Wallsend 2x1. in the second semi final; thereby setting up the first all Weston final. The game was played at the "Homestead" and although ending in a scoreless draw, it provided plenty of action for the 1200 fans.

The replay was held at Blackburn Oval at the junction with Weston(A) making three changes to their team Bobby Austin went into the goals, Jack Avis to centre forward and Tweedle replaced Beverley on the right wing. The Weston(B) team replaced Davis with Hancock. The (A) team's selection paid off however with Avis scoring the only goal of the match, giving Weston(A) the Ellis Cup.

WESTON ALBION BRITISH F.C.

WINNERS OF ELLIS CUP AND MEDALS 1916



Representative Matches

Two inter district games between South Maitland and Newcastle were staged with the profits going to the War Funds appeal. The first game, held in Newcastle, saw the coalfields team win 4x1. But in the return game at Weston, Newcastle avenged their loss with a 3x1 victory.

Another representative game of importance was played in Newcastle between a Newcastle XI and the 30th Battalion. The diggers won by 4x3 but many sailed overseas the week after to experience the hardships of trench warfare in northern France.

Overall, the season was a successful one; far more so than was first anticipated.

1916 Player Register (All clubs Incomplete)
Adamstown Rosebud.
Smith, Golightly, Blackman, Lambert, Robson, Baldwin, Cassidy,
Johns, Jones, Liddell, Hansaker, Ryan

Merswether Advance
Elgey, Coppick, F. Alberts, Donaldson, Twist, Stewart, Kent
Gillespie, Hands, A. Cunningham, Corrigan, A. Bartley,
Bush Tolhurst, Rowse.

Weston(A)
Bobby Austin, Richard Austin, W. Lambert, Logan, J. Taft,
Hemsworth, Jack Avis, J. Henry, Gilbert, W. Tweddle, Johnson
A. McNaughton, Bird, Browne, Smith R. Tweddle, W. Gilertson,
H. Hollingsworth

Wallsend Rovers
Brown, T. Davis, Bob Lidbury, Albert Morgan, T. Durie.
E. Mahoney, W. Rushton, C. Roy, Bert Manesfield, R. Hepplewhite,
W. Parsons, E. Mahoney, Paddy Vials, H. Matthews,
George Bower, K. C. Davis
**Please note Albert Morgan never missed a penalty.

Boolaroo
Jones, Griffiths, Buckley, Raw, Odgers, Gardiner, Smith,
Kelly, Garfoot, A. McLaughlin, A. Gardiner

Kurri Kurri
Partridge, Kelly, Jenkins, Lloyd, Newman, Young, Barnes,
Thurley, Moroney, Liversole, Grant, Daniels

Newcastle United
Searle, Rennix, Sneddon, D. Williams, Rogers, Stewart, Myers,
Hays, Borthwaite, T. Smith, W. Nix, Adams, Nixon, Walters,
Bush, Hunter.

Registered Referee's
B. Pratten, H. Pratten, A. Harley, J. Hands, W. Gibson,
Laurie Tamlyn, J. Sanderson.

1917 Season.
President.R.Martin
Secretary.Laurie Tazlyn

When club delegates assembled for the Annual General Meeting, many reported deleted playing lists owing to constant enlistments. Merewether reported 55 members on active service, Kurri Kurri 37, Cessnock 33, Wallsend 19, Adamstown 19, West Wallsend 15, Weston 14, many others clubs were also affected.

It was therefore decided to continue the "All Aged" systems for 1917 season and eight entries were received; Cessnock, Merewether Advance, New Lambton, Wallsend Rovers, Weston Albions, Weston Magpies, and Young Wallsend.

1917 F.A. Cup	Cessnock	New Lambton	Merewether Advance	Wallsend	West Wallsend	Young Wallsend	Weston Albions	Weston Magpies	Points
Cessnock	X	2-1, 2-1	4-1, 1-0	0-1, 2-1	0-3, 1-3	1-7, L/F	1-3, 0-1	0-1, 0-1	10
New Lambton	1-2, 1-2	X	0-1, 3-0	0-4, 0-2	2-3, 1-3	1-2, 2-2	0-2, 1-3	0-1, 0-2	3
Merewether Advance	0-1, 1-4	0-3, 1-0	X	3-3, L/F	0-3, 1-1	2-2, L/F	1-5, 1-2	0-0, 0-2	6
Wallsend	1-0, 1-2	4-0, 2-0	3-3, W/F	X	1-4, 1-0	3-1, 1-0	0-2, 1-0	2-0, 0-0	19
West Wallsend	3-0, 3-1	3-2, 3-1	3-0, 1-1	0-1, 4-1	X	1-1, 1-0	2-1, 1-0	0-2, 0-1	20
Young Wallsend	7-1, W/F	2-1, 2-2	2-2, W/F	1-3, 1-1	1-1, 0-1	X	0-2, 1-4	1-0, 3-0	16
Weston Albions	3-1, 1-0	2-0, 3-1	5-1, 2-1	2-0, 0-1	1-2, 0-1	2-0, 4-1	X	1-1, 0-0	20
Weston Magpies	1-0, 1-0	1-0, 2-0	0-0, 2-0	0-2, 0-0	2-0, 1-0	0-3, 0-1	1-1, 0-0	X	18

The semi finals were delayed by three weeks due to a major coal strike but when they finally eventuated, they drew improved crowds and the success of the competition also showed in the finances of the Association.

The first semi final, on 3rd October, saw Wallsend beat West Wallsend 2x1, at Blackburn Oval. both teams were
Wallsend Rovers 2 v West Wallsend Bluebells 1

W. Rushton
R. Lidbury
A. Morgan
J. Durie
E. Mahoney
Shaw(1)
T. Lidbury
Gray
Mulholland
B. Mansfield(1)
Davis

A. Lewis
C. Lewis
J. Coutts
R. Sneddon
Anderson
T. Sinclair
Lee
T. Coates(1)
Kaiser
Felden
Jeffries

The second semi final also on the 3rd October, was an all Weston affair between the Weston Albions and the Weston Magpies.

This clash, held at Abermain, fired the imagination of the coalfields who, after nearly four years of war time conditions, were keen to support any sporting event. Practically the whole of Weston, Kurri Kurri, Cassnock and in between, turned out at the Abermain Sports Ground for the clash but the crowd proved to be too much for the officials. Only 40% paid the sixpence admission fee! It proved to be a day of sensations all round. After 80 minutes of hectic play, the score stood at 1x1, with a goal to McNaughton (Albions) and another to Jimmy Bellamy (Magpies). However, in the ensuing goalmouth struggle a Magpie forward was punched by an opponent and knocked out cold. The crowd immediately surged through the ropes and attacked several Albion players. Word was flashed to a nearby group of mounted police who were stationed at the Abermain NO.1 Colliery where over 50 loyalists were hewing coal as all miners were on strike. As soon as the police arrived, they rushed the field and order was quickly restored. Referee, J. Sanderson, who showed considerable courage, ordered both teams back to complete the match.

The scores, however, remained at 1x1 and so a replay was ordered. The two sides comprised

Weston Albions	1	v	Weston Magpies	1
Bobby Austin			H. Smith	
Art Lambert			C. Campbell	
Hicks			W. Seddon	
Richard Austin			Kell	
J. Strange			Shields	
H. Hollingsworth			R. Duxfield	
Wake			H. Bellamy	
R. McNaughton(1)			Barker	
Jack Avis			Corrigan	
Graham			R. Tweddle	
W. Tweddle			J. Bellamy(1)	

Referee J. Sanderson

The replay took place at Blackburn Oval with the Albions winning 3x0. Jack Avis scored two goals for the winners. Team changes for the replay were TAYLOR FOR WAKE in the Albions, while Paterson and LYNCH replaced Baker and Corrigan for the Magpies.

The Final was held on 27th October at Blackburn Oval. Wallsend defeated Albions 2x0 with both teams remaining unchanged from their respective semi finals. Bert Manafield scored the two goals for Wallsend. (Many years later, Bert became a Methodist Minister and one of his appointments was at Kurri Kurri).

In 2nd Grade, ten entries were received with Adamstown beating Wallsend 2x0 in the final.

Gardiner Cup Not Played

For the second season in a row, the Gardiner Cup was not played. In its place, two inter district games between Newcastle and the Coalfields were staged and proved to be real crowd pleasers. The first game, played at Blackburn Oval in July, saw South Maitland win 2x1. The gate was 72 Pounds was given to the patriotic funds. South Maitland also won the return match held at Weston on the 10th November.

Player Register

As can be seen, the players list and referee's list was very thin because of the War still in progress.

Merewether Advance

Danvers, Tapp, Hayes, Rowe, Newton, Gillespie, Scully, Daniels, Martin, Hurst, Twist, Tolhurst, Lingard, Herron, Parsons, Manderson, Elgey, Borthwick, Sneddon, Ashman.

West Wallsend

Calderbank, Lewis, Anderson, Turnbull, Sneddon, J. Coutts, T. Coates, Muir, Lee Kaiser, Sinclair, McKenzie, Gelder.

New Lambton

Mitchell, Williams, Morgan Blair, Myers, Stewart, Hogg, Nelson, Lake Lovell, Durrant, White, Jordan, Butterworth, Whitelaw.

Wallsend Rovers

Rushton, Davis, Williams, Williams, Durie, Mahoney, Robinson, Wardle, Lawson, G. Bower, O'Brien, See, Gray, Mansfield, Albert Morgan, Bob Lidbury, Blair, Mulholland.

Cessnock

Sneddon, Rennix, Thomson, Dickie, Baldwin, Durie, Johnson, Hancock, Brunskill, Hepplewhite, Davies, A. Renfrew.

Weston Albions

Bobby Austin, Dick Austin, A. Lambert, Hicks, Tait, Strang, Reay, Wake, Jack Avis, Taylor, Tweddle, W. Smith, P. Austin.

Weston Magpies

Gall Tweddle, Campbell, Kell, Sneddon, Shields, Brown, Henry, Duxfield, Bowen, Moroney, Fitzgerald, Lynch, H. Smith, J. Bellamy, H. Bellamy

Young Wallsend

J. Jones, R. Jones, M. Jones, F. Convery, Griffiths, Buckley, P. Nelson, R. Gardiner, T. Parkes, W. Preston, Curran, Odgers, M. Gardiner.

Registered Referee's

Laurie Tamlyn, H. Pratten, B. Pratten, R. Blair, A. Harley, W. Gibson, P. Dobinson, J. Reid, D. Jackson, J. Sanderson.

1918 Season

President.R.Martin.Secretary.Laurie Tamlyn

Treasurer.A.A.Stirling

The War was still dragging on but sport relieved the pressure on the population.

Laurie Tamlyn, who had become a great power in northern football, won the day on his trip south.

He made two vital gains for northern football.

He persuaded the State Association to again stage the Gardiner Challenge Cup series for the State "Knock Out" supremacy and he secured the right for Sydney Clubs to nominate in the Kerr CUP, Which was the north's local "knock out" series. He also won the right for northern clubs to field all senior player's for Gardiner Cup matches. This was essential because in the local premiership, teams were only allowed four seniors in the "All Aged" series. Despite winning this concession, this formed the basis of a protest when the final was won by Weston.

Back to local happenings. Because of travelling difficulties South Maitland clubs conducted a separate competition.

The nominations for 1918 were:

Newcastle Zone..Adamstown, Merewether Advance, Wallsend Rovers, West Wallsend and Young Wallsend.

South Maitland.. Abermain, Cessnock NO.1, Cessnock No.2 Hebburn, Greta and Weston.

1918 Sils Cup (Newcastle Zone)	Adamstown	Wallsend	West Wallsend	Young Wallsend	Merewether Advance	Points
Adamstown	X	1-1, 2-2, 0-1	L/F, 0-1, 1-2, 2-0, 2-2	2-1, 1-1, 1-1	2-1, 3-1	13
Wallsend	1-1, 3-3, 1-0	X	3-1, 2-0, 1-0	1-0, 7-0, 7-0, W/F	2-1	20
West Wallsend	W/F, 1-0, 2-1, 0-1, 2-2	1-3, 0-2, 0-1	X	4-1, 2-1, 3-1	1-0	15
Young Wallsend	1-2, 1-1, 1-1	0-1, 0-7, 0-7, L/F	1-4, 1-2, 1-3	X	3-3	3
Merewether Advance	1-2, 1-3	1-2	0-1	3-3	X	1

Merewether Advance withdrew from the competition
Mid season

Adamstown, Wallsend, West Wallsend and Young Wallsend all qualified for the semi finals.

Adamstown beat West Wallsend 3x1 in the first semi final, after playing a 1x1 draw. (Of great interest, is that Bill "Podge" Maunder was on the right wing for the first match against Adamstown).

In the other semi final, Wallsend easily accounted for its near rival, Young Wallsend, 4x1.

1917

The Southern British Football Association held a special match at the Sydney Cricket Ground No.2 during the year to aid the War Funds Relief.

The teams Players who were Australian born and and migrating British stock.

Australian Born

V.Paling
J.Thompson
J.Robinson
J.Gray
L.Jelfs
H.McAllister
A.McLean(1)
L.Miranda(1)
A.Doerner(1)
Cattle
W.Walk

3 v Great Britain Born

H.Ellis
G.Williams
K.Fraser
R.Smith
P.Levy
Knapp
P.Grogan(1)
Robinson
Haskis
J.Lyons(2)
F.L.Mellier-Smith

1918

The final between Wallsend and Adamstown proved to be one of the roughest on record with players being continually warned about their play. At the end, however, Wallsend had won 4x0.

1918 Hemmings Cup (South Maitland Zone)	Cessnock A	Cessnock B	Hebburn	Weston	Whitburn	Abermain	Points
Cessnock A	X	1-2, 2-2	0-3, 1-0	1-2, 0-1	2-2, 0-1	8-2, W/F	8
Cessnock B	3-1, 2-2	X	1-3, 2-0	1-3, 1-1	1-2, 6-3	6-0, W/F	12
Hebburn	3-0, 0-1	3-1, 0-2	X	1-3, 0-1	1-1, W/F	2-2, W/F	10
Weston	2-1, 1-0	3-1, 1-1	3-1, 1-0	X	2-1, 1-1	7-3, W/F	18
Whitburn	2-2, 1-0	2-1, 3-6	1-1, L/F	0-2, 1-1	X	W/F, W/F	11
Abermain	2-8, L/F	0-6, L/F	2-2, L/F	3-7, L/F	L/F, L/F	X	1

While Abermain withdrew mid season, Weston was the winner with seven wins and a draw from eight games. The semi finals were between Cessnock (B) 2 v Hebburn 1., and Weston 3v Whitburn 1. In the final, Weston went on to beat Cessnock(B) 2x0 in the Hemmings cup final.

The figures for the other grades reflected the growth of football in out lying areas.

The third grades attracted ten entries in the Newcastle zone and six for South Maitland, U/18s had nine in Newcastle and four in South Maitland, while the U/16s attracted six in Newcastle and ten in the South Maitland.

Kerr Cup

Four Sydney teams entered the local Kerr Cup, they being Balmain Fernleigh, Balmain Kiara, Pyrmont, and Canterbury. The local teams included Adamstown Rosebud, Boolaroo, Minmi, Teralba, Wallsend Rovers, West Wallsend, and the Woodpeckers.

With the infusion of strong teams from the Southern Association, the Kerr Cup series was the best ever and big crowds enjoyed the inter city flavour. Wallsend knocked out Pyrmont in the first semi final, 2x0. While West Wallsend caused a sensation by defeating Balmain Fernleigh.

The final of the Kerr Cup was played at West Wallsend and drew a very large crowd.

In the end, the locals outplayed Wallsend Rovers to the tune of 4 goals to nil.

The scorers for West were Tommy Coates (2) Dick Sneddon (1) AND N. Convery (1).

1918.

The full results were.

Round.1.	West Wallsend	2	v	Canterbury	1
	Wallsend Rovers	1	v	Adamstown	0
	Wallsend Jellies	2	v	Minmi	2
Replay	Minmi	2	v	Wallsend Jellies	3
	Teralba	1	v	Boolaroo	1
Replay	Teralba	1	v	Boolaroo	0

Byes, West Wallsend Woodpeckers, Pyrmont, Balmain Fernleigh,
Balmain Kiara.

Round.2	West Wallsend	3	v	Woodpeckers	1
	Wallsend Rovers	5	v	Teralba	1
	Balmain Fernleigh	2	v	Balmain Kiara	0
	Pyrmont	4	v	Minmi	0

Semi Finals

Wallsend Rovers	2	v	Pyrmont	0
West Wallsend	3	v	Balmain Fernleigh	1

Final West Wallsend 4 v Wallsend Rovers 0

1918 West Wallsend Bluebells Kerr Cup Winners



Back Row. J. Coates, W. McKenzie, J. Lavery

Middle Row. Frank Craig, J. Coutts, R. Sneddon, Andy McKay
Alec Hodge.

Front Row. P. Convery, Governor Kaiser, Tom Coutts, Tom Sinclair
Bill Smith.

1918 Kerr Cup Semi Final

Wallsend	4 v Young Wallsend	1
W. Rushton	F. Convery	
R. Liddbury	Griffiths	
J. Davies	J. Nelson	
E. Mahoney	A. Ridley	
A. Morgan	A. Nelson	
T. Liddbury	Cooke	
H. Shaw(1)	Cain(1)	
Gray(1)	A. Gardiner	
Bower(1)	L. Gardiner	
C. Roy(1)	Patrick	
H. Mahoney	J. Jones	

Referee J. Sanderson.

Semi Final

West Wallsend Bluebells	1 v Adamstown Rosebud	1
W. McKenzie	A. Smith	
A. Lewis	D. Williams	
J. Coutts	F. Hayes	
Anderson	Doyle	
W. Maunder	McAllister	
H. Kaiser	Charlie Nix	
Johnson	Yah Sneddon	
G. Lewis	Myers	
Tommy Sinclair(1)	Johns(1)	
Turnbull	Pollock	
W. Smith	Stewart	

Referee J. Sanderson

Replay

Adamstown Rosebud	3 v West Wallsend Bluebells	1
R. Elgey	W. McKenzie	
D. Williams	A. Lewis	
F. Hayes	J. Coutts(1)	
Doyle	Anderson	
McAllister	T. Coates	
C. Nix	H. Kaiser	
Yah Sneddon(2)	W. Smith	
Middleton	Johnson	
Myers	G. Lewis	
Johns	Tommy Sinclair	
Bartlett(1)	Turnbull	

Referee J. Sanderson

1918

Kerr Cup Final

At West Wallsend 20/10/1918

West Wallsend Bluebells	4 v	Wallsend Rovers	0
W. McKenzie		W. Rushton	
J. Coates		J. Davies	
J. Lavery		E. Liddbury	
J. Coutts		A. Morgan	
R. Sneddon		T. Durie	
A. McKay		E. Mahoney	
T. Sinclair		C "Yargo" Roy	
W. Smith		H. Shaw	
T. Coates		T. Liddbury	
H. Kaiser		B. Manafield	
Convery		Bower	

1918 Northern District British Football Association Team
(NDBFA)
V Sydney Metropolitan Association 3, 6, 1918



Standing. A. Harley (Assist. Sec) L. Gardner, A. Tolhurst,
J. Sneddon, T. Sinclair, A. J. Cunningham,
W. Wright (Referee's) L. B. Tamlyn (Sec)
Middle. Mr Gardner, J. Coutts, J. Davies, W. Rushton (Capt)
Bob Liddbury, J. Durie, R. George
Front Row. J. Shields, A. Gardner.

Dispatch From The Front.

During the season, a special dispatch from France brought the news that the 34th Battalion of Newcastle had beaten an English Army Unit 3x2 For the record the Newcastle team was

Sneddon (Cessnock) Lovett (Teralba) Taylor (Cessnock)
Jones (West Wallsend) White (Adamstown) Peter Coppick (Merewether)
Gaul (Cessnock) Slavin (West Wallsend) Colquhoun (Cessnock)
Bates (Minmi) Bilbie (West Wallsend)

1918 Representative Matches	
Sydney	3 v Newcastle 1
Sydney Cricket Ground	
Ellis	W. Rushton
Leckie	R. Liddbury
Robinson	J. Davies
Gray	Jock Sneddon
Bond(1)	T. Durie
Sheffield	J. Coutts
Craig	A. Gardiner
Fraser	J. Cunningham
Doerner(1)	Tommy Sinclair(1)
McLean(1)	Yah Sneddon
White	L. Tolhurst
Referee A. Wright	

Sydney	4 v Newcastle 0
Newcastle Showground 24/6/1918	
No Sydney Team Available	Bob Elgey
	C. Lewis
	Bob Liddbury
	J. Coutts
	T. Durie
	J. Sneddon
	Tommy Coates
Scorers	Yah Sneddon
White(1)	Tommy Sinclair
McLean(1)	Chas "Yargo" Roy
Doerner(2)	Bert Manafield
Referee A. Court	

South Maitland	3 v Newcastle 0
AT Weston Homestead 14/7/1918	
Bobby Austin	E. Coates
J. Thompson	J. Davies
W. Lambert	D. Williams
Dick Austin	Albert Morgan
Tup Renner	Bob Liddbury
Duxfield(1)	T. Durie
Brunskill	J. Coutts
Jack Avis	C "Yargo" Roy
George Hancock	L. Tolhurst
J. Kennedy	Bert Manafield
Alf Hodges(2)	T. Coates
Referee W. Tweddle.	

Gardiner Cup

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HOLMESVILLE U/18 PREMIERS

1920

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On the bleak afternoon of 21st September 1918, at the Epping Recreation Ground (Harold Park) Weston won the Famous Gardiner Challenge Cup by defeating Balmain Kiara 1x0. The Sydneysiders, however, took their loss in a very poor fashion. Immediately after the final whistle blew, they protested long and loud on three grounds and subsequently the Cup was not presented.

The Weston Geordies returned home to a civic reception, as hundreds of supporters crowded the Weston Railway station on the Sunday night.

The town's brass band was in attendance but general disappointment was manifest when skipper, Bill Lambert, could not produce the "FAMOUS GARDINER CHALLENGE CUP".

1918 Weston-Gardiner Cup Winners



Back Row. W. Lambert (Capt) Bob Austin, J. Henry, W. H. Tweddle (Sec)
Middle Row. J. Shields, R. "Dick" Austin, H. Hollingsworth, J. Duxfield
Front Row. W. Beverley, H. Bellamy, J. Avis, A. McNaughton, J. Bellamy.

Coalfield Register

U/18

Cessnock. Kinnex, Player, Diver, Williams, Gibson, Stewart, Waite
Brown, Fairhall, Elliott, Haffer, Rowe, Hedley, Hodge, Stevenson.

Abermain

Coutts, Ross, Bates, Robinson, Chapple, Shaw, Wilson, Thomas,
Barker, O'Connell, Endean (Incomplete)

Weston

A. Taylor, Halley, A. Young, J. Donald, T. Stanbridge, W. Cook, A. Spiers,
J. Derricott, T. Oliver, G. Taylor, A. Stewart, H. Williams, E. Green
G. Norris

1918 Representative Matches
 Sydney 3 v Newcastle 1
 Sydney Cricket Ground
 Ellis W. Rushton
 Leckie R. Lidbury
 Robinson J. Davies
 Gray Jock Sneddon
 Bond(1) T. Durie
 Sheffield J. Coutts
 Craig A. Gardiner
 Fraser J. Cunningham
 Doerner(1) Tommy Sinclair(1)
 McLean(1) Yah Sneddon
 White L. Tolhurst
 Referee A. Wright

Sydney 4 v Newcastle 0
 Newcastle Showground 24/6/1918
 No Sydney Team Available
 Scorers
 White(1)
 McLean(1)
 Doerner(2)
 Bob Elgey
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Kurri Kurri

J. Stevenson, P. Lennard, G. Willetts, A. Rees, S. Ross, E. Searston
S. Stanmore, K. Rodgers, S. Field, S. Grant, W. W. Evans, F. Forster,
V. McLean, E. Ace.

U/18 Semi Finals

Weston

2 v Abermain

1

Kurri Kurri

4 v Cessnock

0

Final

Kurri Kurri

2 v Weston

1

S. Field(2)

G. Taylor(1)

Player Register

Neath

Horne, Drinkwater, Hutchinson, Oughton, Ryan, Roddon, Harrison
Turner, Evans, Wilmott, McLeary, Rush, Cusick, Parker

Habburn Starlights

Kell, Iredale, Seddon, Russell, Shields, M. Whitley, Logan
Paterson, Hawke, Anderson, Duxfield, Tweedle.

Cessnock No.1.

Harolds, J. Thompson, Dick, Durie, Strang, Davies, Brunskill,
Renfrew, Hancock, F. Renfrew, Williams, Chapman

Cessnock No.2.

W. Brown, Muir, Rennex, Etheridge, Patrick, Williams, Hogg,
Russell, Waite, Stevenson, Hancock,

Weston.

Bobby Austin, Dick Austin, Bill Lambert, Hickson, J. Jarvis,
H. Hollingsworth, J. Tate, T. Wake, McCulloch, A. Taylor,
Jack Avis, J. Jarvie, Bill Beverley, Len Pugh, Morgan,
Hicks. A. McNaughton

Young Wallsend.

Baldwin, Griffiths, N. Convery, Cain, A. Ridley, Cook, Preston
Nelson, T. Rodden, Robinson, J. Sneddon, S. Smith,
L. Gardiner, A. Gardiner, Poynett, Buckley, J. Nelson, H. Patrick,

Merewether Advance

B. Johnson, B. Lingard, F. Wilson, W. Twist, G. Bush, A. Davies,
B. Green, J. Sneddon, Roddon, Smith, Robinson, B. Hirst, F. Watson
A. Danvers, R. Craig.

Wallsend

Stewart, Davies, W. Rushton, Bob Lidbury, Albert Morgan,
Ted Mahoney, Charlie "Yargo" Roy, Mitchell, Bert Manafield,
J. Davis, Bower, H. Gray. T. Manafield

Adamstown

D. Williams, Charlie Nix, Stewart, F. Williams, Durrant, Lake,
Myers, J. Cunningham, Maddison, Arthur, Freda, Manderson,
F. Hays, Mitchell, Bullerwell, Yah Sneddon, Davis, Wilkes,
Doyle.

Players List

West Wallsend.

E.Coates,Tommy Coates,Jack Coutts,Lee,A.Lewis,J.Lewis,
Convery,Hodge,Ward,Tommy Sinclair,W"Podge"Maunder,
Governor Kaiser,Anderson,Taft,Jimmy Curran Bill Smith.

South Maitland Officials

President.George Avis

Secretary.W.Hindmarsh

Treasurer.R.Hawke

South Maitland Referee's

H.Spiers,J.Earpe,F.Jennings,W.Tweedle,H.Spewart,
Tom Crawford

Newcastle Referee's

Billy Stott,Laurie Tamlyn,A.Harley,D.Jackson,M.Lamb,
Tup Lidbury,W.Hughes,J.Sanderson,J.Bullerwell,A.Court,
Dellacca,Kedwell,O.Reid.

Entries in Grades

All Aged.

Adamstown,Merewether Advance,Wallsend,West Wallsend,
Young Wallsend.

3rd Grade entries

Barnsley,Boolaroo,Charlestown,Merewether Advance, Minmi,
Wallsend Rovers,Wallsend Jellies
West Wallsend,Young Wallsend.

U/16 Grade

Adamstown,New Lambton,Jesmond,Merewether Advance,
Wallsend,Hamilton

U/12 Grade

Adamstown,Islington,Merewether Advance,West Wallsend.

Coalfields Entries

All Aged

Abermain,Cessnock No.1.Cessnock No.2.,Hebburn,Weston,
Whitburn

3rd Grade

Abermain,East Greta,Kurri Kurri,Pelaw Main,Neath,Whitburn

U/18 Grade

Cessnock,Abermain,Kurri Kurri,Neath,Weston.

U/16 Grade

Abermain,Cessnock,East Greta,Kurri Kurri,Neath,Weston,
Kurri Kurri Rechabites,South Cessnock,Whitburn,
Tom Tits.

HEBBURN

A few months after developmental work on the surface of the Hebburn Colliery had progressed a group of workmen approached the colliery manager Mr R Harle for permission to use a cleared portion of land as a football field. This was readily granted and Mr Harle said, "I agree and hope that this area will be used for other sports."

Soon many of the workers engaged in football practice after work. Many were players from Newcastle.

During late years of World War I, junior soccer was played on the Hebburn pitch.

In 1919 a junior team, "Tom Tits", registered and included the following players: G Grant, Horne, J McCroarey, R. McNaughton, R O'Brien, E Junor, G Junor, Smith, Kennedy, Striker, Hall, R. O'Brien, McGoldrick, Downes.

In 1918, a surplus of senior players in the Weston area allowed Hebburn to enter South Maitland senior ranks in quest of the Hennings Cup. Players included Kell, Tweddle, W. Snedden, J. Snedden, Russell, Shields, Patterson, Whitley, Logan, Hawke, Anderson and Duxfield (Capt). Their first match at Hebburn was against Whitburn Stars — ended in a 1 all draw. Same Hawke, a keen devotee to soccer, scored the first senior goal on Hebburn's ground.

During the season goalscorers were J. Duxfield 8, S. Hawke 6, J Logan 4, Paterson 4, Anderson 4, Shields 3, J. Snedden 3, W. Snedden 3.

Hebburn showed improved form in 1919 with the same players. Goalscorers were J Duxfield 5, Patterson 5, J Snedden 5, Logan 4, S. Hawke 4, Anderson 4, Shields 3, Russell 3, Bates 2. Progress was reported in 1920 when the club entered the Gardiner Cup series.

In its first tie, it played a 3 all draw v Rothbury, won replay by 2 to 1 but were knocked out by Weston in second round by 4 to nil. During the season players for Hebburn included W. Snedden, J Bates, A. Outridge, J. Richardson, R. Bates, J. McCroarey, R. McNaughton, G Grant, W. Bates, J Davies. A youthful discovery, J "Crabbie" McCroarey was top scorer on 15, R Bates (5), McNaughton (5), R Logan (4) also scored goals. In 1921, the senior section of the club disbanded and players were snapped up by the stronger clubs. Juniors continued playing under the banner of the S.M.F.A. In 1923, the 3rd graders beat Greta in the district final by 2 to 1. This success prompted the club to re-enter the local senior grade in 1924 when a six-team competition proved a big success.

It appears that the club's last appearance of any importance was in the Stevenson Cup when it was outed by Aberdare by 2 to 1. One of the Bates brothers scored the club's last goal in senior matches.

Right from the first, the club colours were pale blue with a yellow star on left breast.

Hebburn's secretary in its pioneering days, Billy Tweddle insisted that Hebburn's colours were worn by Weston United when it won the State title in 1918.

1919 Season

The return of thousands from the war gave all sports a great boost. Many of those returning had seen football overseas and their interest in the game was apparent on the Australian football scene; especially in Newcastle. A large influx of miners from England, Scotland and Wales brought many players and spectators to the north, thereby causing a big upsurge in patronage.

Early in the 1919 season, the Northern District British Football Association (NDBFA) issued a comprehensive list of players who had fallen in battle overseas. Over 500 names were printed in the Annual report.

Some of the high ranking players lost included Adam Ramage, Dave Clarke, Bill Atkin, Frank Jones, Jim Winters, W. Stevenson, T. Parkes, G. Pollard, J. Searles, W. C. Sneddon, R. Convery, D. Gibb, W. Callender, R. Croker, Captain E. Manefield won the Military Cross while the Military Medal and Bar went LCP Coppick, W. Wymer, W. Eagles Archie Forbes L. Parkes were also awarded the Military Medal and Bar.

West Wallsender J. Bilbie, was a recipient of a Certificate of merit from King George V for bravery in saving a person from the river Thames. Another leading West Wallsend Player Ned Brennan, lost a leg after being injured in battle.

At the AGM Secretary Laurie Tamlyn, explained the blue print for northern football. After the success of the 1918 season, he advocated a continuance of the same plan.

The main points put forward were:

- 1) Premiership series-main match of the day on a central ground.
- 2) semi final/final at the end of the series for the Ellis Cup
- 3) Kerr Cup symbol of knock out championship-open to Sydney Clubs
- 4) Inter District games between Newcastle, South Maitland Sydney and where possible South Coast Teams.
- 5) Encouragement in the use of northern grounds for the Gardiner Cup.

1919 Ellis Cup (Newcastle Zone)	Adamstown	Hamilton	Holmesville	Minmi	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown	X	1-0, 1-1	2-0, 2-1	1-1, 3-0	2-2, 0-0	12
Hamilton	0-1, 1-1	X	0-1, 3-2	3-0, 1-2	0-3, 0-1	5
Holmesville	0-2, 1-2	1-0, 2-3	X	1-1, 1-3	0-3, 1-4	3
Minmi	0-3, 1-1	0-3, 2-1	1-1, 3-1	X	1-3, 1-2	6
West Wallsend	2-2, 0-0	3-0, 1-0	4-1, 3-0	3-1, 2-1	X	14

Representative Matches

In the inter district representative matches, Sydney 4 v Newcastle 0 in Sydney.

Newcastle 1 v South Maitland 1 at Newcastle.

In a further Match Newcastle & South Maitland was a 1x1 draw.

1919

In an inter city match on the 23rd June Newcastle defeated Sydney 2x1 the teams were

Newcastle	2 v Sydney	1
F. Jones	Blake	
M. Jones	Smart	
R. Liddbury	Perkins	
C. Coutts	Creighton	
R. Sneddon	Leadbeater	
P. Coppick	Miranda	
L. Tolhurst	Keith	
F. Watson(1)	Downer(1)	
T. Coates(1)	Hoffman	
P. Doyle	Heyman	
J. Seddon	Fairweather	

"Big Influenza Match.

Special mention should be made of the clash at Weston between Newcastle and South Maitland which became known as "the big influenza match" All spectators wore masks and 13 changes had to be made to the original selections.

The Newcastle team arrived with only nine players, so, G. Willetts of Kurri Kurri together with J. Endean of Neath were both signed onto the Newcastle team on one day transfer. (The one day transfers operated as follows.

During an emergency, players would be transferred from one club to another for the day-then immediately after the match transferred back to the original club) For Newcastle, Willetts played an outstanding game and won generous applause from all quarters. The final Newcastle line up was

F. Jones (Holmesville)	H. Smith (Cessnock)
D. Williams (Hamilton)	Bobby Auston (Weston)
C. McKay (West Wallsend)	Jack Gilmour (Weston)
Jack Coutts (West Wallsend)	Dick Austin (Weston)
Peter Doyle (Adamstown)	J. Strange (Cessnock)
G. Willetts (Kurri Kurri)	R. Outram (Abermain)
F. Watson (Hamilton)	W. Endean (Weston)
F. Hayes (Adamstown)	A. Russell (Cessnock)
J. Endean (Neath)	Jim Bellamy (Weston)
J. Jennings (Hamilton)	J. Jarvie (Hebburn)
D. McLaughlin (West Wallsend)	Len Pugh (Weston)

Gardiner Cup

Entries received for the "CUP" were. Hamilton, Weston, Adamstown, Minmi Rangers, Holmesville, West Wallsend. Three local clubs (West Wallsend, Weston, and Minmi Rangers) QUALIFIED FOR THE FINALS. Balmain Fernleigh, however, were too strong for Minmi winning 3x0 after having played a 0x0 draw in their first match. West Wallsend and Weston also played a 0x0 draw in their first match, but in the replay, Westy cleared out to win 3x0. In the final, Balmain over ran West Wallsend 3x0.

Kerr Cup Results

Round.1

Balmain Fernleigh	4	v	Adamstown Rosebud	2
Canterbury	2	v	Cessnock	1
Annandale Leichhardt	6	v	Hamilton	4
YMCA	3	v	Cockatoo Island	2
Weston	1	v	Holmesville	0
Minmi, Wallsend, West Wallsend			Pymont (Byes)	

Round.2

Canterbury	2	v	Wallsend	0
Minmi	2	v	Weston	1
West Wallsend	2	v	Annandale Leichhardt	0
Pymont	2	v	YMCA	1
Balmain Fernleigh			(Bye)	

Round.3

Pymont	2	v	Canterbury	1
West Wallsend, Balmain Fernleigh, Minmi			(Byes)	

Semi Finals

West Wallsend	3	v	Pymont	2
Balmain Fernleigh	1	v	Minmi	0

Final Kerr Cup

Newcastle Showground

West Wallsend	1	v	Balmain Fernleigh	1
W. McKenzie			F. Storey	
Lee			H. Fisher	
James			H. Batten	
Coutts			E. Ferrier	
R. Sneddon			R. Leadbeater	
Anderson			S. Storey	
W. Smith			Lazonby	
H. Kaiser			Adams	
T. Coates			Dr. H. K. Porter	
T. Sinclair			Hancock	
D. McLaughlin			Yabsley	

Referee L.B. Tamlyn

**This match went for 120 minutes and then was replayed
(Extra Time)

Replay at Adamstown

West Wallsend	3	v	Balmain Fernleigh	0
W. McKenzie			F. Storey	
Lee			H. Fisher	
James			H. Batten	
Coutts			E. Ferrier	
R. Sneddon			R. Leadbeater	
Anderson			S. Storey	
W. Smith			Lazonby	
H. Kaiser			Adams	
T. Coates (3)			Dr. H. K. Porter	
T. Sinclair			Hancock	
D. McLaughlin			Yabsley	

Referee Laurie, B. Tamlyn

South Maitland Competition

Goal Scorer for teams in the South Maitland area were
Weston

Jack Avis(7) Dick Austin(1) Jim Bellamy(3) H. Bellamy(3)
Bill Lambert(1) Len Pug(3) W. Beverley(1) J. Mather(4) J. Jarvis(4)
Jack Gilmour(1)

Rothbury

Perce Lennard(12) J. Hodge(3) N. Redman(4) Perce Hodge(2)

Seperate entries continued for the South Maitland and
Newcastle areas.

Senior Grade entries for Newcastle were
Adamstown, West Wallsend, Wallsend Rovers, Hamilton,
Minmi Rangers, Holmesville.

3rd Grade

Wallsend Rovers, Westy Woodpeckers, Adamstown, Teralba,
Wallsend Kiara's, Hamilton, Dudley.

U/18's 7 entries

U/16 5 entries

In the senior competition after 9 rounds had been played
the points table read

West Wallsend Bluebells	15
Adamstown Rosebud	11
Hamilton	6
Minmi Rangers	5
Holmesville	5

Semi Final at Newcastle Showground

Hamilton	3	v	Adamstown	1
Crewe			J. Dunne	
Williams			W. Jones	
Manderson			Tinker Davis	
Green			F. Hayes(1)	
J. Sneddon			P. Doyle	
Holt			Trumperter Patterson	
Tolhurst			J. Cunningham	
F. Watson(2)			Butcher Myers	
Hogg			Rushton	
Bywater(1)			Elgey	
Jennings			Lambert	

Referee Bill Stott

**Please note teams not in correct order.

The result and teams of the second semi final is not
available.

Final

Newcastle Showground

West Wallsend	4 v Hamilton	1
Wal McKenzie	Crewe	
Tommy Coates(2)	Williams	
Lee	Manderson	
H. James	Green	
J. Coutts	J. Sneddon	
R. Sneddon	Holt	
Anderson	Tolhurst	
W. Smith	F. Watson	
H. Kaiser(1)	Hogg(1)	
T. Sinclair(1)	Bywater	
D. McLaughlin	Jennings	

Referee Bill Stott

3rd Grade Points score

Wallsend Rovers (16) Westy Woodpeckers(16) Adamstown(15)
 Teralba(14) Wallsend Kiara's(14) Hamilton(12) Dudley(11)

South Maitland 1 v Newcastle 1

Newcastle Showground 27/7/1919

Bobby Austin(Weston)	Frank Jones(Holmesville)
W. Lambert(Weston)	Tinker Davis(Adamstown)
L. Pugh(Weston)	Billy Jones(Adamstown)
C. Lewis(Cessnock)	Holt(Hamilton)
H. Hollingsworth(Weston)	Dick Sneddon(West Wallsend)
Dick Austin(Weston)	Jack Coutts(West Wallsend)
J. Bellamy(Weston)	Tom Sinclair(West Wallsend)
Jack Gilmour(Weston)	Frank Hayes(Adamstown)
Jack Avis(Abermain)	Fred Watson(Hamilton)
N. Endean(Weston)	Peter Doyle(Adamstown)
W. Duxfield(Hebburn)	Trumpeter Patterson(Adamstown)

Reserve

Perce Lennard(Rothby)

Referee Laurie Tanlyn.

Sydney 4 v Newcastle 0

Epping

Blake(Canterbury)	F. Jones(Holmesville)
Leckie(Annandale)	R. Lidbury(Minmi Rangers)
Robinson(Pymont)	N. Knudson(West Wallsend)
H. Wheat(Granville)	Jack Coutts(West Wallsend)
Leadbeater(Balmain Fern)	Dick Sneddon(West Wallsend)
Fairweather(Granville)	Peter Coppick(Hamilton)
Neilson(YMCA)	Peter Doyle(Adamstown)
Hoffman(Granville)	Jock Sneddon(Hamilton)
Doerner(Annandale)	Tom Coates(West Wallsend)
Olipphant(Caledonians)	Chas "Yargo" Roy(Minmi Rangers)
Mansfield(Canterbury)	Frank Hayes(Adamstown)

Newcastle	2 v Sydney	1
Newcastle Showground		
Frank Jones(Holmesville)	Blake(Canterbury)	
Bill Jones(Adamstown)	Perkins(Canterbury)	
Bob Lidbury(Minni Rangers)	Creighton(Cockatoo Dockyard)	
Jack Coutts(West Wallsend)	Leadbeater(Balmain Fern)	
Dick Sneddon(West Wallsend)	Fairweather(Granville)(
Peter Coppick(Hamilton)	Miranda(Canterbury)	
L.Tolhurst(Hamilton)	Hoffman(Granville)	
F.Watson(1)Hamilton)	Keith(North Sydney)	
Tom Coates(1)West Wallsend)	Doerner(Annandale)1)	
Peter Doyle(Adamstown)	Heyman(Sydney)	
Jock Sneddon(Hamilton)	Smart(Sydney)	

ROTHBURY

When World War I ceased, a soccer club was formed at Rothbury where coal was being developed.

The club entered the All Aged Competition controlled by the S.M.S.A.

Due to travelling difficulties, the team performed moderately. It qualified for the final but was beaten by Hebburn by 4 to 1.

Chief scorers in its initial season were — P Lennard (12), J. Hodge (4), N. Tiedman (4), J. Jarrett (4), P. Hodges (3).

Players in the final were: Lewis, N. Tiedman, Hoskins, W. Lennard, E. Searson, W. Dune, J. Jarrett, Chippendale, Edmunds, P. Lennard, R. Lennard (12), W. Jarrett.

The club continued in season 1920 with moderate success. The loss of the Lennard brothers to Cessnock weakened it and it failed to appear in 1921.

In 1920, it entered the Gardiner Cup and after playing a 3 all draw with Hebburn, it failed in the replay by 2 to 1.

When coal ceased being produced at the Rothbury Colliery, interest in soccer waned considerably.

1920 Season

President.J.H.Bloomfield

Secretary.Laurie Tamlyn

An intensive survey by the management committee during the off season, revealed a basic weakness in the local structure which was now entering its second season since the War ended.

The following facts were noted.

- 1) The remarkable growth in all grades below seniors; especially in 2nd grade.
- 2) The junior growth in the South Maitland area had flowed on into the senior teams
- 3) A vital question to be settled at State level was could the Northern Association (Newcastle and Maitland) OFFER IMPROVED SENIOR STATUS under two separate controls?

A year later, this last point broke into open warfare between developing Coalfields senior clubs and the South Maitland Soccer Association.

The outcome of this will be discussed later.

Suffice to say at present, that when entries closed, a very disappointing aspect became clear as only one Coalfield club, Weston, had entered the senior grade. An example of the problem was that Cessnock, which had nominated for the Gardiner Cup, only entered a team in the third grade in the South Maitland Competition.

A more detailed list of entries is:

	Seniors	2nd	3rd	U/18	U/16
Newcastle	5	15	9	5	4
South Maitland	.	4	5	5	5

The high quality of South Maitland's second grade was exemplified by a testimonial match for the former Weston player, J. Hicks, when a combined second graders beat a powerful Weston senior side 2x1 at the Weston Homestead. for the record, the second grade team was

H. Smith (Hebburn) N. Tiedman (Rothbury) N. Baldwin (Neath)
 Reg Lennard (Rothbury) J. Strong (Kurri Kurri)
 S. Davidson (Kurri Kurri) S. Price (Rothbury) J. Auld (Hebburn)
 Perce Lennard (Rothbury) J. Curley (Kurri Kurri)
 C. O'Hara (Rothbury)

Such details support Secretary Laurie Tamlyn's claims that the Coalfields should at least support three senior teams and the Newcastle area, five teams; making an ideal 'premiership' competition.

LEAST

A NEW GROUND AT HAMILTON

Management secured a new inner city ground and great credit must be given to this body.

The ground was known as the "Tramway" and was located in the Hamilton area near the tram depot. This ground became the rendezvous of hundreds of fans who attended the "Match of the Day": a weekly attendance at the ground attracted crowds of 2000 spectators.

The first senior match, at the Tramway Ground was played late in May and because of its historical importance we list here the full line up of both teams.

Adamstown	v Hamilton
H. Smith	Daniels
J. Davies	Robson
Greigg	Williams
Wilson	Holt
W. Lambert	Wood
Pollard	Barr
T. Patterson	Thompson
Johns	F. Watson
F. Hayes	J. Sneddon
P. Doyle	Hancock
McAllister	Woods
Referee Bill Stott	

As the season advanced, better public relations drew bigger gates. All senior clubs would share in the expected patronage and there clubs were especially keen to secure the "match of the day". Everything pointed to a "football boom" which did eventuate in the next three years.

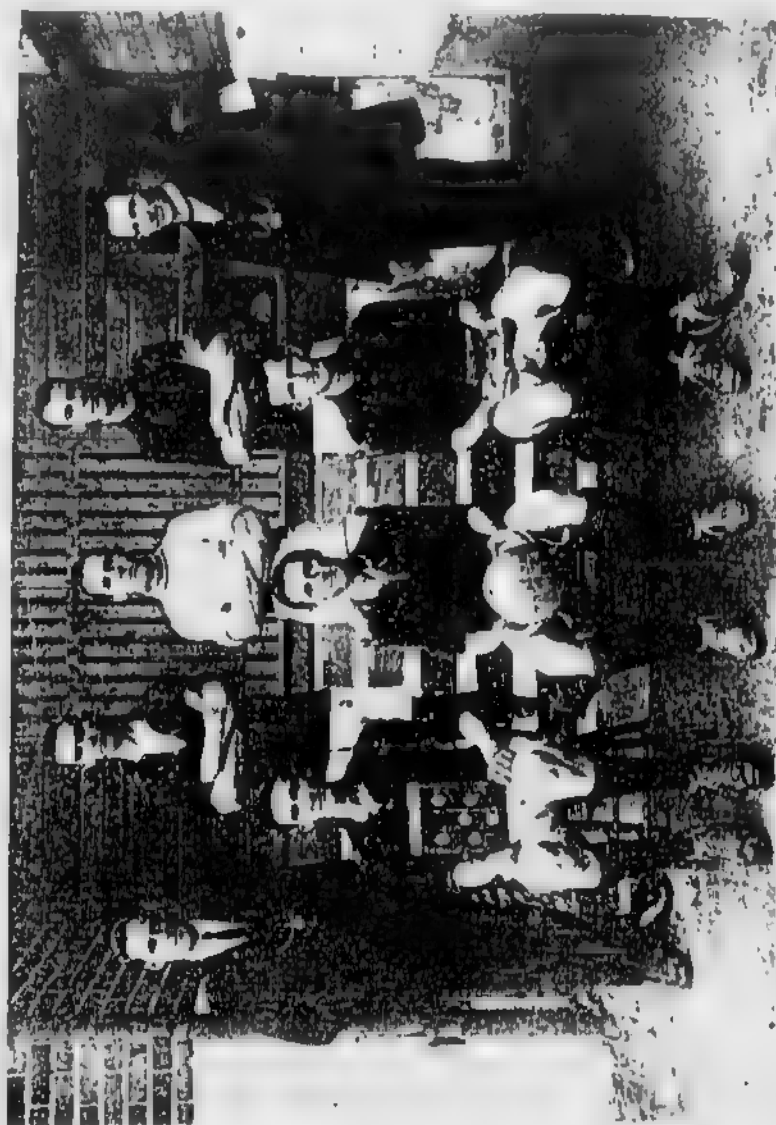
South Maitland Competition

In the final of South Maitland's second grade competition Hebburn defeated Rothbury 4x1. The game was played at the Homestead Ground, Weston. The two teams were.

Rothbury	1	v	Hebburn	4
Lewis			Seddon	
N. Tiedman			J. Bates	
Hoskins			Outram	
R. Lennard			Richardson	
Searson			R. Bates	
Durie			Logan	
Edwards			McNaughton	
Jarrett			Grant	
Chippendale			McCroarey	
Jarrett			C. Bates	
Jowett			Davies	

Richardson Cup U/21

West Wallsend Woodpeckers won the state junior U/21 Richardson Cup, beating Hamilton 3x0.



West Wallsend Woodpeckers.

Standing: Arthur James, Charlie Shields, Wally McKenzie, Clarne Coutts, Jake Wilson
Sitting: Henry Maunder, "Podge" Maunder, Jock Nelson.
Courtesy Mrs. Coutts, West Wallsend.

Ellis Cup

1920 Ellis Cup (Newcastle Zone)	Adamstown	Hamilton	Wallsend	Weston	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown	X	1-2, 1-0	2-1, 1-0	2-3, 1-1	1-1, 1-0	10
Hamilton	0-1, 2-1	X	1-1, 0-2	0-1, 2-2	1-3, 0-1	4
Wallsend	0-1, 1-2	2-0, 1-1	X	1-1, 1-0	1-2, 1-2	6
Weston	1-1, 3-2	2-2, 1-0	0-1, 1-1	X	1-4, 0-2	7
West Wallsend	0-1, 1-1	1-0, 5-1	2-1, 2-1	2-0, 4-1	X	13

West Wallsend won the final by defeating Adamstown at the Tramway Ground Hamilton, producing the first £200 pound "gate", along the way. Two goals by Coates secured the game for West Wallsend who ran out eventual winners 3x2. Interestingly, both were the result of penalty decisions by referee, Tom Crawford. The cup was presented to West Wallsend by Hugh Connell, MLA.

The two finalists were:

West Wallsend	3 v Adamstown	2
Jeffreys	Smith	
James	Davies	
Lee	Hay	
Coutts	Lambert	
Sneddon	Pollock	
McKay	McAllister	
Smith	Wilson	
Kaiser	J. Cameron	
Coates	Myers	
Sinclair	Patterson	
McLaughlin	Doyle	

Premiership

In the Premiership play off, Wallsend beat Weston 1x0 while Adamstown easily beat West Wallsend 4x0. In the final, which produced a "gate" of £258 pounds, Adamstown beat Wallsend 1x0. The teams for the final were

Adamstown	v	Wallsend
H. Smith		Bower
J. Davies		See
T. Patterson		R. Lidbury
Lambert		Urwin
Pollock		T. Lidbury
Gregg		J. Shields
Doyle		W. Craig
W. Davies		C "Yargo" Roy
J. Cameron		Ern Owen
Myers		Jim Johnston
Robinson		Robinson

**Please note players may not be in correct positions.

1920 Premiership Semi Finals

Wallsend

1 v Weston 0

G. Bower	Bob Austin
Sam See	Tom Oliver
Ernie Owen	W. Lambert
Jack Shields	Dick Austin
Ted Mahoney	Creighton
Albert Morgan (Penalty)	Rodgers
W. Craig	F. Austin
Chas "Yargo" Roy	Jack Avis
Keith Urwin	Jack Gilmour
Jimmy Johnstone	Derricott
W. Robinson	R. Hawke

Semi Final

Adamstown

4 v West Wallsend 0

A. Smith	Wal McKenzie
J. Davies (1)	H. James
A. Lambert	Henry Maunder
Pollock	Clarrie Coutts
Greigg	Dick Sneddon
W. Davies	W. Smith
Peter Doyle	Tommy Coates
Trumpler Patterson (1)	Bill "Podge" Maunder
J. Cameron (2)	Tommy Sinclair
Middleton	Di McLaughlin
Robinson	Les Brown

Premiership Final

Adamstown Rosebud

1 v Wallsend Rovers 0

A. Smith	George Bower
J. Davies	Sam See
A. Lambert	Bob Liddbury
Pollock	Keith Urwin
Greigg	Tup Liddbury
P. Doyle	Jack Shields
W. Davies	W. Craig
Patterson (1)	Chas "Yargo" Roy
J. Cameron	Ernie Owen
Middleton	Jimmy Johnstone
Robinson	W. Robinson

Referee A. Court

Player Register

Wallsend Rovers.

George Bower, Bob Liddbury, Albert Morgan, Wal Rushton,
Sam See, E. See, Jack Shields, W. Craig, Charlie "Yargo" Roy,
Ted Mahoney, Jimmy Johnstone, V. Mulholland, W. Robinson,
E. Rolfe.

Hamilton

Crewe, Brown, Williams, Robson, Parsons, Woods, Wood, Barr, Gill,
Anderson, Hancock, Fred Watson, Crowley, Peter Coppick,
Rouse, Jones, Wyllie, Fred Daniels.

West Wallsend Bluebells.

Wal McKenzie, H. James, Lee, Clarrie Coutts, Tommy Coates,
R "Dick" Sneddon, McKay, W. Smith, Herb Kaiser, Tommy Sinclair
Di McLaughlin, Henry Maunder, William "Podge" Maunder,
Les Brown.

Adamstown Rosebud

A. Smith, J. Davies, Frank Hayes, H. Pollock, Peter Doyle,
Lambert, D. McAllister, Myers, J. Cameron, Middleton,
Trumpter Patterson, H. Johns, Charlie Nix, T. Pearse, J. Thorpe,
R. Wilson.

Weston

Bobby Austin, R "Dick" Austin, Lambert, Tommy Oliver,
Rodgers, J. Jarvie, J. Jarvis, Sid Grant, Jack Avis, Stoker,
H. Bellamy, J. Bellamy, Jack Gilmour, F. Austin

New Ground at Hamilton Transport Department.

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Tramway Ground and was located in Hamilton area near the
Tram Depot. This ground became the rendezvous of hundreds
of fans who attended the "Match of the Day": a weekly
attendance at the ground attracted crowds of 2000 and
upwards.

The first senior match, at the tramway ground was between
Adamstown 2 v Hamilton 1

May 1920

A. Smith	Fred Daniels
J. Davies	Robson
Greigg	Williams
Wilson	Holt
Lambert	Wood
H. Pollock	Barr
Trumpter Patterson	Thompson
P. H. Johns (1)	F. Watson
F. Hayes	J. Sneddon
P. Doyle (1)	Hancock (1)
D. McAllister	Woods

** Would you please note that Adamstown Rosebud Club
donated £105 Pounds towards the erection of the
Soldiers War Memorial Fund.

Kerr Cup

West Wallsend added to their Ellis Cup victory by also winning the Kerr Cup, beating Adamstown 2x0 in the semi final, while Wallsend ousted Weston 3x0. In the final, Westy took out the trophy 1x0. Les Brown being the scorer. This was the first time that substitutes were allowed for injured players.

Full details of Kerr Cup is as follows.

Round.1

West Wallsend	2 v Eastern Suburbs	1
Wallsend	1 v Canterbury	0
Adamstown	6 v Corrimal	1
West Wallsend(Res)	3 v Belgownie	1
Hamilton won on forfeit from Helensburg		
Killingsworth, Annandale, Weston(Byes)		

Round.2

Adamstown	3 v West Wallsend	3
Replay		
Adamstown	0 v West Wallsend	2
Wallsend	2 v West Wallsend(Res)	0
Hamilton	4 v Killingsworth	1
Weston, Annandale(Byes)		

Round.3

West Wallsend	4 v Annandale	1
Weston(Bye)		

Semi finals

Wallsend Rovers	3 v Weston	0
George Bower	Cockburn	
Lee	Endean	
Bob Liddbury	T.Oliver	
Jack Shields	Rodgers	
Ted Mahoney	S.Grant	
Ernie Owen	Taylor	
D.Bower(1)	Jack Avis	
C"Yargo"Roy	R.Hawke	
W.Craig(2)	J.Bellamy	
Gardiner	W.Lambert	
W.Robinson	Creighton	

Referee Laurie Tamlyn

Semi Final

Hamilton	0 v West Wallsend	3
Fred Daniels	Wal McKenzie	
Robson	Jones	
Williams	Henry Maunder	
Holt	Clarrie Coutts	
Wood	Dick Sneddon	
Barr	W.Smith	
Thompson	Tommy Coates	
Fred Watson	Les Brown(1)	
Sneddon	Bill "Podge" Maunder(2)	
Hancock	Tommy Sinclair	
J.Woods	Di McLaughlin	

Referee Laurie Tamlyn

KERR CUP FINAL

West Wallsend Bluebells	1 v Wallsend Rovers	0
Wal McKenzie	George Bower	
H. James	Sam See	
Henry Maunder	Bob Liddbury	
W. Smith	Jack Shields	
Clarrie Coutts	E. See	
Lee	Ernie Owen	
Tommy Coates	D. Bower	
Les Brown(1)	Chas "Yargo" Roy	
Dick Sneddon	W. Craig	
Tommy Sinclair	Ted Mahoney	
Di McLaughlin	W. Robinson	

Referee Bill Stott

Cup presented to Dick Sneddon Westy Captain, by
Mr J. L. Fegan (MLA)

**Please note players are not in correct playing positions.

South Maitland Final

Hebburn	4 v Rothbury	0
Sneddon	Lewis	
J. Bates	N. Tiedman	
J. Outram	Hoskins	
J. Richardson	R. Lennard	
R. Bates	Searston	
J. Logan	Durie	
R. McNaughton	Edwards	
C. Grant	Jarrett	
M. McCroarey(3)	Chippendale	
C. Bates(1)	J. Jowett(1)	
J. Davies	E. Jowett	

West Wallsend Final Kerr Cup 0
1 v Wallsend



W Lee, W McKenzie, H James
J McLure, C Coutts, Dick Sneddon, W Smith, A McKay, Alec Hodge
Tom Coates, Les Brown, W "Podge" Maunder, Tom Sinclair, Di
McLaughlan .

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Representative Matches

The only representative match this year was between Newcastle v HMS Renown.

The selected Newcastle players were

Bobby Austin(Weston)
 Bill Lambert(Weston)
 Peter Coppock(Hamilton)
 Bob Liddbury(Wallsend)
 R. Pollock(Adamstown)
 Tommy Coates(West Wallsend)
 Fred Watson(Hamilton)
 Clarrie Coutts(West Wallsend)
 Ernie Owen(Wallsend)
 Tommy Sinclair(West Wallsend)
 S. Robinson(Wallsend)
 Seddon(Weston)
 D. McLaughlin(West Wallsend)
 Newcastle won this match 4x1.

During this season NSW played two matches in Queensland, winning the first 5x0 and drawing the second 2x2

New South Wales 5 v Queensland

R. Austin(Weston)
 W. Lambert(Weston)
 G. Dane(Granville)
 R. Pollock(Adamstown)
 A. Creighton(Cockatoo Locks)
 H. Wheat(Granville)
 T. Coates(West Wallsend)
 F. Watson(Hamilton) (1)
 A. Doerner(Eastern Subs)(3)
 T. Hancock(Balmain Fernleigh)
 Charlie "Yargo" Fox(Wallsend)
 E. Hayman(Balgownie)(1)
 Judy Masters(Balgownie)
 W. Burrows(Eastern Subs)

New South Wales 2 v Queensland 2

R. Austin(Weston)
 W. Lambert(Weston)
 S. Robinson(Pymont)
 E. Loveridge(Annandale Leich)
 Peter Coppock(Hamilton)
 H. Wheat(Granville)
 A. Fisher(Balmain Fernleigh)
 C. Pront(Canterbury)
 Judy Masters(1)Balgownie)
 F. Hancock(1)Balmain Fernleigh)
 Frank Mellier-Smith(Willoughby St Stephens)

1920 NSW TEAM



Back Row: H Masters, Bob Austin, Bob Lidbury
3rd Row: Ted Mahoney (Trn), W Burrows, R W Lambert (Capt), G Dane, Lukeman (Mgr)
2nd Row: A Colquhlan, R Pollock, A Creighton, H Wheat (V-Capt), F Barlow
Front Row: Tom Coates, F Watson, A Doerner, F Hancock, E Heyman

General Information

Entries for this years Gardiner Cup included Cessnock, Adamstown, Hamilton, Weston, Wallsend Rovers. West Wallsend, Hebburn, Rothbury, Weston and Cessnock had the best records with Weston losing its semi final tie to Balmain Fernleigh 2x1. after playing a 2x2 earlier. In the the end it was an all Sydney Final with Balmain Fernleigh defeating Granville

Senior entries

Adamstown Rosebud, Hamilton, Wallsend Rovers
Weston, West Wallsend Bluebells.

2nd Grade Entries

Adamstown, Cardiff, Catherine Hill Bay, Charlestown, Dudley
Hamilton, Holmesville, Lambton, Wallsend Kiara's
Minmi, Summerhill, Teralba, Westy Woodpeckers, Young Wallsend

Newcastle Registered Referee's

J. Sanderson, J. Dunne, J. Hincks, J. Dellaway, J. Dean, W. Shipp,
R. Skillings, R. Gill, McAllister, J. Rizzolli, S. Smith,
L. Tamlyn, N. Broadbent, B. Channel, H. Pratten

South Maitland Registered Referee's
Tommy Crawford, Endean, J. Sneddon, McBlane, N. Shaw, J. Earp,
Messenger, W. Tweedle.

3rd Grade South Maitland Clubs
Aberdare, Bellbird, Cessnock, East Greta, Kurri Kurri

2nd Grade South Maitland Clubs
Hebburn, Kurri Kurri, Neath, Rothbury

U/18
Aberdare, Abermain, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Hebburn

U/16
East Greta, Hebburn, Kurri Kurri, Cessnock, Stanford Methyr

U/14
Abermain, Cessnock, Greta, Kurri Kurri, Neath, Weston.

Catholic Convent School in Newcastle.
Wallsend, Merewether, Hamilton, Hamilton Marist Bros.
Stockton, Broadmeadow, Tighes Hill, Adamstown.

STANFORD METHYR

A problem arose in the Kurri area where there were many juniors crying out for competitive soccer. The Kurri club could not finance all these demands.

Hence a strong junior club sprang up at the end of 1920 in nearby Stanford Merthyr. In 1922, teams were entered in the S.M. Association — in 3rd Grade, Under-18 Years, Under-16 Years and Under-14 Years.

A high standard of play was achieved and two teams won final honours.

One of the outstanding players was State Junior representative, Len Jacobs, a gifted defender. However, he decided to concentrate on his musical talent and gave up soccer. He became one of the Coal-fields' most gifted jazz pianists.

Do the old really live in the past
The old ,it is said "live in the past". This maybe true but many of the men who have lived through many football seasons look forward to another season,so as to renew acquaintances with friends made over many years.For it is one of the joys of life that "old timers" meet to relive the "good old days".

One can just imagine some of these chaps saying,"the game is not played as well today as it was in my time". The younger men,of course,will not agree with these remarks and will quote authorities to substantiate their claims that the standard of football is higher today than of yesterday.

Lets all remember,though,that sport is meant to be enjoyed. It is well worth everyone understanding how fruitless it is to compare the stars of yesterday or,for that matter,forget there were outstanding personalities before the present generation.

But when you hear "big mouth"commentators on radio and T.V.TELLING YOU THAT "SO AND SO" is "the greatest footballer produced in this city" or "this country",then you have to take umbrage.
Especially when these "experts"have never played the game or even followed football before,except for"that thugs game" which they would have us believe is "football". These "experts" would be only 25 to 30 years of age,too! ONE very much doubts that they would even know it was Sunday except that they have read "Ginger Meggs" in the comic section of their paper that day.
These people do not want us in any shape or form.However we shouldn't worry as we will surely win out in the end, simply because we play the WORLD GAME.

Newcastle and the Hunter Valley,we have produced many of Australia's greats. Players like Peter Doyle, Alec Cameron,Perce Lennard,Ernie Owen,"Podge"Maunder Henry Maunder,Kevin O'Neill,Jimmy Osborne,Reg Date, Frank Parsons,Alan Johns,Jock Parkes,John Roberts, Jack"Digger"Evans,Jim"Skeets"Wilkinson,Jimmy McNabb, Bill and Frank Coolahan The Hughes Brothers Jack and Ron Ron Giles,Bruce Morrow,Billy Morgan and on and on they go, Yes I am also reminded of Marshall Soper,Ray Lloyd, Ray Barritz, Colin Curran,Graham Jennings,, Even Craig Johnston was not too bad,either. You only have to look at the annual North v South matches and you will find 22 players of which 16,17 or even 18 of these players will have come from the north. Even the Referee. came from the Hunter Valley?
The same thing happened in the State and Australian teams
"PERHAPS WE THE OLD DO LIVE IN THE PAST".

OH Brother Oh Brother, Oh Brothers.
First and foremost in this remarkable cavalcade is the record of the HODGES BROTHERS from whitburn, near the once famous mining township of Greta on the New England Highway. In the 1917-1920 seasons, the Whitburn Stars (a powerful senior team) CONTAINED NINE BROTHERS, a nephew and one lone outsider. The robust tackling and "do or die" deeds of this combination is still talked about on the northern coalfields where football roots are deep in the soil. When this team appeared, extra police wandered to the ground, for the team's motto was "whoever floors a Hodge, floors "me".

Eight of the clan were over 5ft 10 inches tall, the two were only 5ft 9 inches.
All were excellent specimens of manhood, It was said that they were as fast as "Grayhounds" as their work at the coalface pulled every ounce of fat from their raw bones.
The team in its heyday read
Bill Lennard (Goalkeeper-the "outsider")
Perce Hodge, Alec Hodge (Backs) George "Doodle" Hodge, Garnet Hodge, Jack Hodge (Half Backs)
Alf "Sonny" Hodge, Fred Hodge, Henry Hodge, Artie Hodge, (Forwards) later, when Fred Hodge retired, the vacancy was filled by Alfie's son (Alf) AND Jack Hodge Jnr, The team made its last appearance when it won the "six a side" competition at Adamstown in 1920.



WALLSEND

Sometime in 1920-1927

6th in Back Row MR. TODD

1st in Middle Row BOB LIDBURY

1st Seated in Front Row ECK HARDES,
3rd ERN OWEN, 4th STEVE TREDINNICK

This Photo is of Walbrund
sometime in the 1920-1927
No 6 in Back Row is the Judd

1st in Middle Row Bob Liddberg
1st seated is Bert Stander
3rd Row Owen, 4th Steve Fredinick

1921 Season

President. J.H. Bloomfield

Secretary. W. Roberts & Laurie Tamlyn. (Mr Roberts died in
(Office)Committee. A.A. Stirling, Bill Stott, J. Hughes, J. Howard,
Mr Pickersgill.

Season 1921 saw further movement along the road to progress. There were record first grade entries (nine in all), including three from the coalfields. The return of Cessnock and Kurri Kurri reflected an upsurge in interest from that area.

Newcastle replaced the old Merewether Club, while the opening of new works at Mayfield saw a group of migrants form the Lysaghts Club with the trio of Oaten brothers coming to the fore.

Kurri Kurri, led by George Winship had a group of local boy's in Willetts, Ashcroft, Rodgers, Rees, Wells, Field, Price, Pringle, Bower, Tiedman, and Watson.

Cessnock also promoted many young players in G. Williams, E. Williams, Shipton, Perce Lennard, Reg Lennard, Durie, Brown, Roe, Harden with such players as G. "Tup" Rennix, Strange Carmichael Muir adding the experience. West Wallsend retained many of it's many stars but newcomers included Bill "Podger" Maunder, his brother Henry Maunder, along with Clarrie Coutts, Wagga James, Bunny Muir, Les Brown, A. White, and Dutchy Phillips.

Adamstown retained its big array of stars as well, but players like Bush and Stewart brothers were soon making their own names alongside their more experienced colleagues.

1921 Els Cup	Adamstown	Cessnock	Kurri Kurri	Lysaghts	Newcomite	Wallsend Royals	Wallsend Rovers	Weston	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown	X	0-2, 0-1	3-1, 4-1	8-2, 2-0	1-0, 2-0	2-2, 0-1	1-0, W/F	0-3, 3-1	0-2, 2-2	20
Cessnock	2-0, 1-0	X	2-1, 0-0	5-2, 4-1	2-0, 2-1	2-1, 1-4	1-2, 3-0	2-3, 1-1	0-2, 1-1	21
Kurri Kurri	1-3, 1-4	1-2, 0-0	X	2-0, 5-1	3-3, 5-3	0-2, 2-2	0-3, W/F	2-2, 0-0	1-1, 1-2	14
Lysaghts	2-8, 0-2	2-5, 1-4	0-2, 1-5	X	2-2, 6-1	2-6, 1-3	1-5, 0-2	0-4, 1-7	1-3, 1-8	3
Newcastle	0-1, 0-2	0-2, 1-2	3-3, 3-5	2-2, 1-6	X	0-3, 1-3	2-2, 1-3	1-2, 1-3	1-3, 0-4	3
Wallsend Royals	2-2, 1-0	1-2, 4-1	2-0, 2-2	6-2, 3-1	3-0, 3-1	X	2-0, 3-1	3-1, 0-0	0-0, 0-3	24
Wallsend Rovers	0-1, L/F	2-1, 0-3	3-0, L/F	5-1, 2-0	2-2, 3-1	0-2, 1-3	X	1-1, L/F	0-4, 2-5	12
Weston	3-0, 1-3	1-1, 3-2	2-2, 0-0	4-0, 7-1	2-1, 3-1	1-3, 0-0	1-1, W/F	X	2-1, 0-0	22
West Wallsend	2-0, 2-2	2-0, 1-1	1-1, 2-1	3-1, 8-1	3-1, 4-0	3-0, 0-0	4-0, 5-2	1-2, 0-0	X	25

The dual entry from Wallsend Rovers ,& wallsend Royals,caused local rivalry.However,in the semi finals,West Wallsend outplayed Wallsend Royals 2x1 and Cessnock defeated Weston 3x1 The final was played at the Tramway Ground,Hamilton and the "gate" takings amounted to £258 pounds. West Wallsend defeated Cessnock 2x0 the teams were

West Wallsend Bluebells	2	v	Cessnock	0
J.Coutts			W.Sneddon	
H."Butcher"James			G.Williams	
Henry Maunder			Carmichael	
Bill Smith			Durie	
R"Dick"Sneddon			Rennix	
Clarrie Coutts			R.Lennard	
Tommy Coates			W.Brown	
William"Podge"Maunders			Strange	
H"Bunny"Muir			P.Lennard	
Tommy Sinclair			E.Williams	
Di McLaughlin			Roe	
			R.Harden	

Kerr Cup

Cessnock fielding the same team in the final of the Kerr Cup found itself the "bridemaids",losing the final,this time to Wallsend Royals. the score being 2x0

The teams were

Wallsend Royals	2	v	Cessnock	0
Bower			W.Sneddon	
Sam See			G.Williams	
Bob Liddbury			Carmichael	
Ernie Owen			Durie	
Jack Shields			Rennix	
Charlie"Yargo Roy			Reg Lennard	
D.Rees.			Bill Brown	
E.See,			Strange	
Walls			Perce Lennard	
W.Craig			E.Williams	
Jimmy Johnstone			Roe	
			R.Harden	

Gardiner Cup

West Wallsend won the the "CUP"THIS Year after a hard fought match with Granville at the Sydney Cricket Ground on the 6th October 1921 The Teams were;

West Wallsend	3	v	Granville	1
Jack Coutts			E.Aitchison	
Henry Maunder			G.Dane	
H"Butcher"James			F.Doherty	
Clarrie Coutts			R.Leadbeater	
R"Dick"Sneddon			J.Crombie	
Bill Smith			Harry Spurway	
Tommy Coates			W.Dane	
A.Phillips(1)			H.Winter	
William"Podge"Maunders(1)			J.Picken(1)	
Tommy Sinclair(1)			H.Henson	
Di McLaughlin			H.Heyman	

Referee A.W.Wright

Queensland Visit

NSW played two matches in Sydney against a visiting Queensland side. In the first, match Queensland won 2x0.

The NSW side being.

Bobby Austin(Weston)A.Fisher(Balmain Fernleigh)F.Leece(Newcas
F.Leece(Newcastle)E.Loveridge(Pymont)H.Cunningham(
Cockatoo Dockyards)Peter Doyle(Adamstown)E.Jarrett(Woonona)
A.Wyber(Canterbury)Dr H.K.Porter(Balmain Fernleigh)
Titch Thompson(Balgownie)Les Brown(Cessnock)

With a rather different NSW lineup for the return match it was a 1x1 draw.

The NSW TEAM was

L.Coley(Canterbury)A.Fisher(Balmain Fernleigh)
S.Anderson(Pymont)E.Ferrier(Capt)Balmain Fernleigh)
W.McAllister(Annandale Leichhardt)E.Loveridge(Pymont)
W.Dane(Granville)Watts(Woonona)Judy Masters(1)Balgownie)
F.Hancock(Balmain Fernleigh)Frank Mellier Smith(
Willoughby St Stephens)

Referee J.H.Lester.

Two return matches were later played in Queensland, and the NSW players were.

Bobby Austin(Weston)S.Anderson(Pymont)Bill Lambert(Weston)
Cob Jones(Corrimal)Keith Urwin(Wallsend Rovers)
J.Maitland(Pymont)W"Podge"Maunders(West Wallsend)
Tommy Sinclair(West Wallsend)G.Dane(Granville)
R.Johnson(Balgownie)H.Spurway(Granville)
F.Yabsley(Balmain Fernleigh)P.Heard(Sydney)
E.Loveridge(Pymont)

On the local scene when Queensland visited NSW, they met a Newcastle Team beating the Queenslanders 2x0

The Newcastle team being

Bobby Austin(Weston)Bob Lidbury(Wallsend Royals)
F.Leece(Newcastle)J.Martin(Newcastle)W.Wells(Kurri Kurri)
Peter Doyle(Adamstown)Tommy Sinclair(West Wallsend)
Perce Lennard(Cessnock)Rags Urwin(Wallsend Rovers)
Keith Urwin(Wallsend Rovers)Dutchy Phillips(West Wallsend)
W.Thomas(Lysaghts-Mayfield)Bill Brown(Cessnock)

Senior Grade Semi Finals

West Wallsend	2 v	Wallsend Royals	1
J.Coutts		G.Bover	
H.James		S.See	
H.Maunders		R.Lidbury	
C.Coutts(1)		E.Owen	
R.Sneddon		J.Shields	
W.Smith		C.Roy	
T.Coates(1)		Wells	
W.Maunders		J.Johnstone	
H.Muir		Auld(1)	
T.Sinclair		W.Craig	
D.McLaughlin		D.Rees	

Referee W.Stott

Semi Final		
Weston	1 v Cessnock	3
Bob Austin	G. Williams	
Penman	A. Carmichael	
Barker	R. Lennard	
R. Austin	G. Rennix	
W. Lambert(1)	T. Durie	
Derricott	G. Roe	
Bates	E. Williams(1)	
McCroarey	P. Lennard(1)	
T. Oliver	L. Brown(1)	
J. Avis	J. Strange	
Mathers	W. Sneddon	
Referee Tom Crawford		

Senior Final at Tramway Ground 5/11/1921		
West Wallsend	2 v Cessnock	0
Jack Coutts	G. Williams	
Henry Maunder	W. Sneddon	
H. James	A. Carmichael	
W. Smith	T. Durie	
Dick Sneddon	G. Rennix	
Clarrie Coutts(1)	Reg Lennard	
Tommy Coates	Les Brown	
H. Muir	G. Roe	
Podge Maunder	J. Strange	
Tommy Sinclair(1)	Perce Lennard	
Di McLaughlin	E. Williams	
Referee J. Sanderson		

Lower Grade Results

2nd Grade Final		
Minmi	1 v West Wallsend	0
McLeish	E. Coates	
Newton	E. Lewis	
Pugh	J. Nelson	
Woods	Shields	
Nay	Coutts	
V. Mulholland	Drysdale	
W. Mulholland	Boundy	
Cramp(1)	Brown	
Auld	Brennan	
Hancock	Jones	
Hodge	Convery	
Referee Laurie Tamlyn		

3rd Grade Final. Adamstown	1 v Hamilton	1
Replay Adamstown	1 v Hamilton	0
4th Grade Final Wallsend	1 v West Wallsend	0
U/18 Final Wallsend	2 v Adamstown	2
Replay Wallsend	1 v Adamstown	0
U/16 Grade Wallsend	2 v Summerhill	1

1921 Player Register

Adamstown

A. Smith, J. Davies, Myers, J. Doyle, A. Lambert, J. Pollard,
W. Davies, H. Johns, D. McAllister, T. Patterson, A. Wilson
P. Doyle, E. Williams, L. Wilson

Cessnock

G. Wells, G. Carmicheal, G. Williams, A. Durie, J. Strange,
R. Williams, E. Williams, Perce Lennard, Reg Lennard, A. Shipton,
G. Rae, Les Brown, Bill Brown J. Sneddon L. Muir, G. Rennix

Kurri Kurri

W. Brown, L. Elton, G. Willettes, J. Stevenson, W. Ashcroft,
S. Wells, A. Rees, J. Pringle, R. Bower, S. Field, K. Rodgers,
B. Watson, N. Tiedman, R. J. Bower, G. Winship, S. Oliver,
W. Watson, A. Campbell

Lysaghts (Mayfield)

G. Oaten, F. Oaten, A. A. Oaten, Norris, T. Morgan, J. Middleton,
D. Williams, J. Huie, W. Thomas, A. Newbury, D. Wendt, G. Farmer

Newcastle

Jones, F. Leece, M. Robson, McKay, J. Martin, J. Borthwick,
J. Manderson, J. E. Borthwick, A. Frew, J. Sneddon, E. Gill

Wallsend Royals

George Bower, A. See, S. See, Bob Liddbury, Ernie Owen,
Jack Shields, C "Yargo" Roy, Wells, Jimmy Johnstone, Auld
W. Craig, D. Rees A. Shaw, Jack Mahoney, A. Morris, Le Clerg,
Wal Rushton, Ted Mahoney

Wallsend Rovers

Merv Sternbeck, Rags Urwin, Keith Urwin, Jack "Dingy" O'Brien
A. Donkin, R. Scott, Jock Parkes, T. Paterson, Bungi Gibson,
W. Walker, A. Fahey, J. Patterson, R. Hughes.

Weston

Bobby Austin, R "Dick" Austin, F. Austin, J. Penman, Tom Oliver,
Adams, Bill Lambert, Jack Gilmour, J. Mather, Jack Avis,
Harry Bellamy, Jim Bellamy, F. Pockett, Jock Cockburn
J. Logan, J. Drinkwater, J. Bates Barker Derricott, McCroa Grey,

Minmi

T. Moyle, Pickford, D. McLeish, W. Nay, S. Woods, L. Pugh, J. Auld,
V. Mulholland, W. Mulholland, R. Hancock, C. Newton, J. Cramp.
Woods, Hodge.

West Wallsend

Wal McKenzie, W. Lee, H. James, W. Smith, Dick Sneddon,
Jack Coutts, Frank Hayes, Clarrie James, A "Dutchy" Phillips,
Tommy Sinclair, Di McLaughlin, Henry Maunder H. Kaiser
William "Podge" Maunder, Tommy Coates H. Muir,

1921 Commonwealth Football Association

It was not until 1914 that an attempt was made to form the Australian Football Association.

The idea was shelved, though owing to the Great War of 1914-18 through the efforts of Mr. Ern Lukeman, however, together with the encouragement of the President of the NSW Association, a national group held a meeting at the Caledonia Club in Melbourne, on 16th August 1921, and established the Commonwealth Football Association (Later to be incorporated as the Australian Football Association on 12th October, 1923)

The first officials were

President. H.L. Doherty (Victoria)

Secretary-Treasurer Ern Lukeman (NSW)

It was agreed that the Football Association of Australia would exercise complete control over all international and interstate tours in future.

The delegates at the conference were F.W. Barlow

President NSW Association) E.G. Crawford President Victoria

Association) W. Bellis (Secretary South Australian South

Australian) J.S. Hildreth (Secretary Queensland Association)

J.H. Storr President Tasmanian Association) and Ern Lukeman

represented West Australia, and also was the convenor of

this conference. The visitors were later entertained by the Melbourne Sports Union Club.

At the conference, approval was given for NSW and Queensland to send a combined team to New Zealand in 1922. Victoria and South Australia suggested that the team be approved as an Australian representative team.

It was also agreed that England be asked to send a first class team to Australia in 1923 or 1924.

Newcastle

Bobby Austin

G. Williams

Henry Maunder

R. Henderson

J. Sneddon

Peter Doyle

Tommy Coates

Perce Lennard

W. "Podge" Maunder (2)

E. See

Di McLaughlin (1)

3 v Sydney Metropolitan 1

G. Cartwright

A. Fisher

D. Robinson

E. Loveridge

H. Spurway

W. Dane

A. Phillips

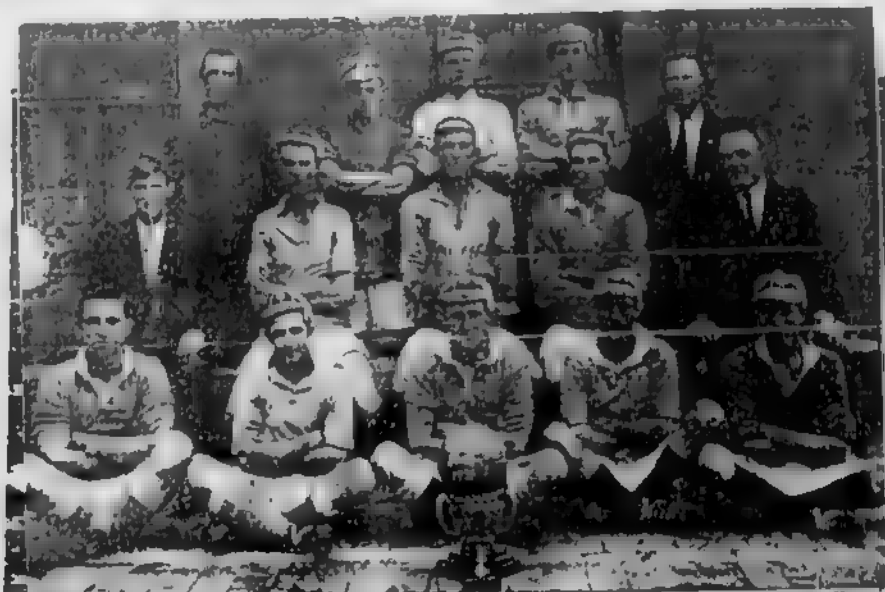
Alf Jennings (1)

F. Hancock

R. Osborne

G. Storey

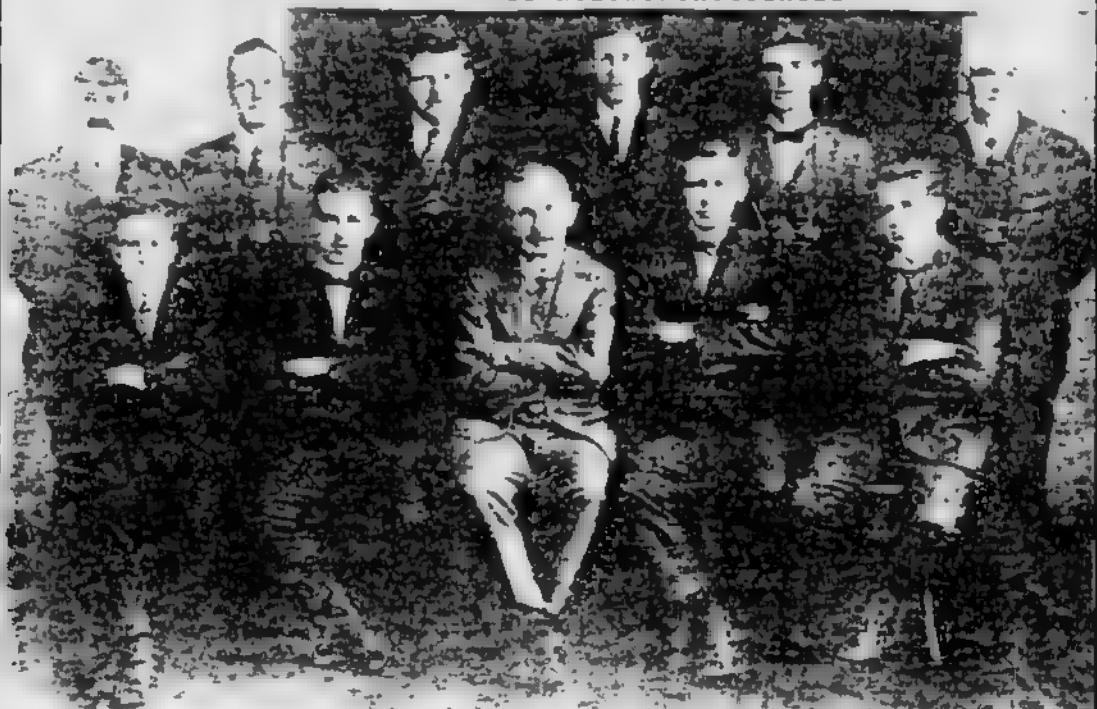
Referee A.L. Peaty



The team that won the State title — Gardner Cup — in 1921 — Back row: Archibald Lockman, Harry ("Butcher") James, Jack Coutts, Henry Maunder, Alex Hodges. Centre: Jimmy McCharn, Clarrie Coutts, Dick Snedden (Captain), William Smith, Dr Charles Rennick (who donated the tasselled caps). Front: Tommy Coates, Frank Hayes, William ("Podge") Maunder, Tommy Sinclair, David ("Dad") McLaughlan.

Back Row: Unknown, Jack Coutts, Henry Maunder, H James, Unknown
 Middle Row: Unknown, Clarrie Coutts, R Dick Sneddon, Bill Smith, Unknown
 Front Row: Tommy Coates, A Phillips, Bill Maunder, Tommy Sinclair, D McLaughlan

1921 N.S.W.F.A. Council



Back Row: J W Earp (Pres, SMBFA), J Black (Sec, Refs Assn), E. Lukeman (Sec, CFA), S E Cope (Sec, IDSA), W Knight (Sec, Granville DFA), F West (MJFA)
 Front Row: L Tamlyn (Sec, NDBFA), S Storey (Sec, NSW SFA), F Barlow (Pres, NSW SFA), C P Dixon (Treas, NSW SFA), GK Martin (Sec, MetSFA)

1921 Wallsend Royals



Back Row. (Unknown) Unknown) M. Sternbeck (V.C) W. McCormack,
J. Collins.
Front Row. Unknown) J. Shields, R. Proudlock, Joe Wardle (Cpt)
F. Garaty.
Lying. Unknown.

1920-21 Hamilton 3rd Grade



Back Row. J. Parsons (V.P) J. Dempster (V.P) W. Sibley, W. Westhead,
J. C. Magin, C. Morrison, P. Sheppard (Sec) R. Donald (Pres)
Centre Back: W. Tolhurst (Goals)
Sitting. D. Wylie, E. Burns, J. Parsons (Cpt) C. Wolley, B. Powell,
Front. K. Kellett, W. Sheppard (Mascot) C. Davis.

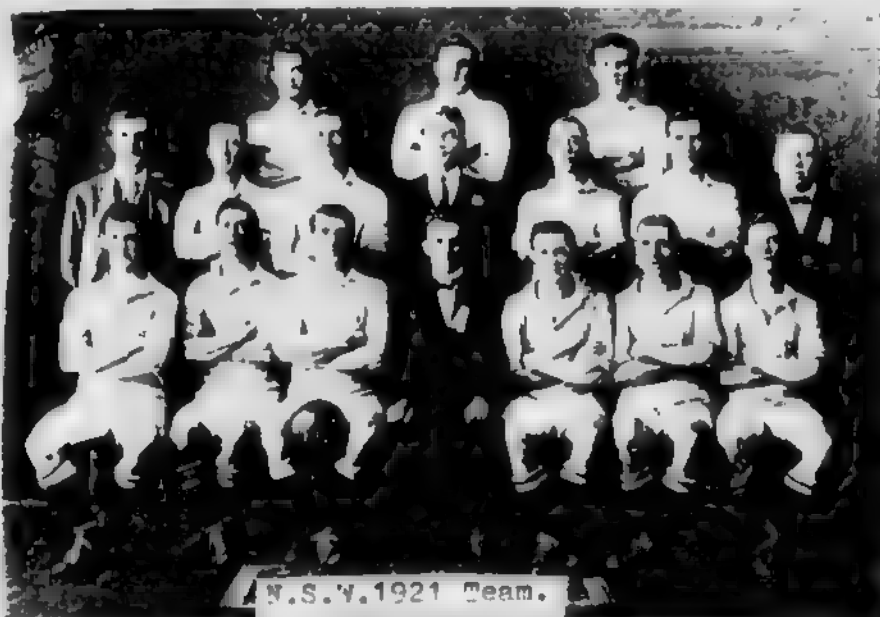
1. H. E. Bennett, President, Miffa Pettigrew,
 S. Gouda, (Patron) Fred Scott, J. Horne, J. Nelson,
 2. The Rev. Sam S. W. Craig, J. S. Wells, Bob Lister,
 R. Morris, Dan Rees, E. H. See,
 3. The Rev. Ernest Owen, Jimmy Johnstone, C. Bower,
 F. Wells, Mary Sternbeck.



The Photo's are well sent. Names for bottom Photo are not
 available except Front Row.
 Left, Ernest Owen, Jimmy Johnstone Unknown Unknown,
 Bob Lister.



Back Row. T. Crawford (Referee) R. Liddbury, Bob Austin, D. Leece,
C. Pickersgill (Trn) L. B. Tamlyn (Sec)
2nd Row. W. Wells, J. Martin (Cpt) P. Lennard, P. Doyle, Rags Urwin.
Front Row. K. Urwin, D. Phillips, W. Thomas, T. Sinclair, W. Brown.
Mascot (Unknown)
Newcastle 2 v Queensland 0.



N.S.V. 1921 Team.

This is the NSW Team to tour Queensland in 1921
for team names see page No.

1921 Cessnock First Grade



Standing. R. Leckie, R. Harden, R. Craig, J. Carmichael, C. Roy,
A. Sneddon, A. Muir, G. Williams, G. Thompson,
R. Kerslake.
Kneeling. Wedge Durie, George Rennix, R. Lennard.
Sitting. E. Williams, Perce Lennard, J. Strange, L. Brown,
G. Roe.

Northern District
BRITISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
(SOCCER)

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR 1921.

PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING

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ON

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1922.

NEWCASTLE:
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N.D.B.F.A. Annual Report.

Gentlemen,—

It is with great pleasure we preface our 1921 Annual Report with the statement that the season was again a record one. The game continued to advance in public favour, and the number of teams playing Soccer far exceeded those of any other code its popularity being evidenced in the fact that the number of entries increased by over twenty during the season.

COMPETITIONS.

The district system was again adhered to, and met with satisfaction. In the Senior Grade nine teams entered—Lysaght's United, Newcastle City, Adamstown, Wallaseed, Wallaseed Rovers, West Wallaseed, Weston, Kurri Kurri, and Cessnock.

Lysaght's, a new team, practically consisting of new arrivals to our State Kurri Kurri was a new Senior team, from South Maitland; Newcastle City, who during the war had become defunct, was reconstituted; Wallaseed Rovers were the ex-Second Graders, whilst the other teams were all in existence during previous seasons.

The Ellis Cup premiership was won by West Wallaseed, who also succeeded in winning the trophies, defeating Wallaseed in the final. The Second Grade Competition attracted six teams—Hamilton, Minal, Holmerville, West Wallaseed, Killingworth, and Lysaght's. Minal won the Middleton Cup Premiership, and then defeated West Wallaseed in the final, and so secured the Association Trophies.

The "A" (Third) Grade Competition drew thirteen teams. A one-round competition was again decided upon. Adamstown retained leaders, and won the Lyall Cup. In the trophy final Adamstown defeated Hamilton, after a draw, one goal each, and so won the trophies.

After a lapse of six years the Fourth Grade Competition was reopened. Eleven teams entered. Wallaseed Kils Ore won the Scott's Cup, and in the trophy final defeated West Wallaseed.

The "B" Grade (under 18), for which ten teams entered. Wallaseed Rovers, with an unbeaten record, won the Mick Simmonds' Cup, and in the final knock-out defeated Adamstown, after a draw, two goals each.

The "C" (under 16) Grade drew ten teams. West Wallaseed were unbeaten, and so won the Howard Cup. They also won the Association trophies, defeating Summer Hill in the final.

SCHOOLS.

The School Soccer Competition was again run by the Schools' Committee. Mr W. McGown was again hon. secretary. A record number of school teams were playing Soccer, and exceeded all other codes played. Three grades were run:—The under 12 was won by West Wallaseed, who defeated Pictsburg in the final. The under 14 was won by Pictsburg, who defeated South Newcastle in the final. The winners created a record in that they did not have a goal scored against them in the rounds proper or in the final. The under 16 was won by High School, who defeated Hamilton in the final.

School inter-district games were played with Sydney. The locals were beaten by their Sydney friends, Newcastle winning one game, losing three, and drawing one.

The Queensland Schoolboys played in Newcastle, the Newcastle team winning by two goals to one. As is only right, every assistance was given the schools by the N.D.B.F.A., and in this connection it is interesting to read the following, penned by the Schools' Soccer Secretary:—

"PARENT ASSOCIATION'S HELP.—The most pleasing feature in the schools was the wonderful and spontaneous assistance rendered by the senior body, the N.D.B.F. Association, whose secretary was always at our disposal. Besides entertaining the Queensland and Sydney visitors for us, they supplied suitable material and first-class referees. They have donated medals to the winners of the three

Shipp, treasurer. They require a larger membership to help them in their work, and old players might, with advantage, take up this very necessary branch of Soccer.

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

It is pleasant to record that the State Association is in a splendid position. The new system which allows of equal representation has been instrumental in placing the State Association on a firm footing. All old debts have been paid, and a credit balance carried forward. The work of the State Executive, Messrs. Barlow president, S. Storey secretary, and C. P. Dixon treasurer, is worthy of the highest commendation. With the prosperity of the State Association, all branches appear to have made correspondingly great advancement. It is worthy of record that a country representative in your president, Mr. J. H. Bloomfield, was placed upon the State P. and D. Committee.

ENGLISH VISITORS.

A conference of State Associations was held in Melbourne in January. Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, West Australia, Queensland, and New South Wales were represented. As the result of the gathering it is confidently expected that our oft-repeated wish for the visit of an English team will soon be fulfilled. The team will probably tour Australia during 1923. Your secretary, represented the State at the Melbourne Conference.

FINANCE.

The receipts for the season are £1150 7s 2d, and the expenditure £1184 4s 11d, leaving a credit balance of £190 1s 3d. When it is mentioned that the first purchase money of the Young WallSEND Ground has been paid out of the season's takings, and that fencing, etc., of the Tramway Ground, are the property of the Association, it will readily be seen that in addition to the £190 cash balance, the Association has also very valuable assets.

In the expenditure, £101 1s 10d was paid for taxes. Medals cost £300, including £135 of 1922 season. A sum of £178 17s was paid to the State Association. £100 went in advertising, socials cost £70 15s 4d. These items, whilst large, are necessary in the interests of the game.

MANAGEMENT.

The immediate control of the Association was vested in a Management Committee, which met weekly. Thirty-four meetings were held, the attendances being as follows:—R. J. Skillings, hon treasurer, 34; L. B. Tamiya, hon. secretary, 33; J. H. Bloomfield, president, 31; S. Howard, 29; J. Durie, 28; A. A. Surling, 28; W. Stott, 19; J. Hughes, 16; W. Roberts, 4.

Early in the season Mr. W. W. Roberts, who had been elected secretary, was, through ill-health, compelled to resign, Mr. Tamiya being re-elected to the position.

CHARITY.

Letters of thanks have been received from WallSEND Hospital, the Motor Ambulance Brigade, the H. and B. Committee, and the United Charities, for assistance rendered them.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Association are due to the press for its valuable assistance, and to all who aided the committee in the discharge of its duties. Players, club secretaries, and committees are deserving of special thanks for the way they assisted in the advancement of the code.

CONCLUSION.

With the great advance Soccer has made during the past season, the code's supporters can look forward to the future with great heart. The advance made in the past will continue if the players and officials combine in the future, as in the past, and by that combination the Soccer game will be placed higher still in public favour.

J. H. BLOOMFIELD, President.
L. B. TAMLYN, Hon. Secretary.

KEARSLEY

It is difficult to pinpoint the start of soccer in Kearsley — a mining centre on the outskirts of Aberdare.

The game was first played in the local school in 1923-24. A junior team was formed and entered the S.M.S.A. competitions in 1923.

Progress was made and in the following season of 1924, Kearsley entered the S.M. senior grade along with Abermain, Kurni Reserves, Weston Reserves, Neath and Hebburn. It was a very healthy competition and Kearsley won the premiership. Two of its players, goalie F. Jones and fullback T. Hill, won places in the district representative team to meet and beat Queensland by 2 to 1 at Abermain.

During that vital season, Kearsley's regular team comprised Jones, Hill, McBlane, Patrick, Aikman, Single, J. Wilkinson, Charlton, G. Wilkinson, S. Jones, C. Gregory.

In the final of the Stevenson Cup, Kearsley beat Neath by 3 to 1 at Cessnock Pit Paddock. Scorers were J. Wilkinson 1, G. Wilkinson 1, Charlton 1, and Hartley for Neath. In the season G. Wilkinson netted 14 goals, Charlton 10, J. Wilkinson 8.

Kearsley repeated its success in 1925 by winning the premiership and beating Cessnock West End in final by 4 to 0. The winning eleven comprised F. Jones, M. McCort, E. Hill, J. Patrick, C. Hill, L. Atkinson, T. Junor, J. Wilkinson, S. Jones, G. Wilkinson, C. Gregory.

Despite keen opposition from nearby Aberdare, Kearsley did well in 1927. It beat a combined Neath-Abermain XI in Stevenson Cup by 4 to 0. Its team comprised F. Jones, A. Hodges, G. Angow, H. Kearsley, L. Atkinson, J. Patrick, P. Burgoyne, G. Wilkinson, J. Rutherford, H. Charlton, M. Stevens.

The advent of the Statewide premiership in 1928 drove Kearsley back into the junior circles till 1937 when the club entered the Stevenson Cup. After a series of wins it lost the final to Weston by 6 to 2; its scorers were R. Paddock and L. Johnson. Kearsley again played in the Stevenson Cup final in 1941, when Weston again took out the trophy by 5 to 1 — Green scoring Kearsley's sole goal.

When the breakaway came in 1942, Kearsley re-entered the localised senior league. It only had moderate success. Goalscorers were A. Jones (13), C. Pont (7), S. O'Neill (4), W. King (4), A. Green (4).

In the same competition in 1944, Kearsley's returns were poor — four wins in 16 matches. A. Green secured 10 goals but O'Brien, L. George, J. Laverick, A. Tomlinson did well in defence.

In 1948, Kearsley won honours in Coalfield senior grade after a thrilling struggle with Bellbird. No fewer than nine players scored double-figures during the season; they were M. Rorke 14, F. Griffin 14, P. Kerr 14, J. Sneddon 14, P. Powell 14, J. McLaren 14, G. Mason 13, J. Campbell 11, D. O'Brien 10, while O. Cresswell, R. Fitzpatrick, C. Gregory, W. Lomas excelled in defence.

Kearsley's activities were confined to the junior ranks till 1955 when the club entered a one-round senior series. The team won five out of seven, but failed to qualify for final.

In 1956, the club had a poor record in the League but played a 3 all draw in the third round of the Stevenson Cup against Weston, but lost the replay.

D. Powell (11), O. Cresswell (9) and B. Darcy (6) were chief goal-getters. The 1957 season was a heavy one and Kearsley did well in both the Millor and Stamina Cups. In the semi-final, it was beaten by Greta Austral by 1 to 0. Its eleven comprised R. May, J. Blane, N. Tomlinson, K. O'Brien, R. Darcy, D. Charnock, P. Kerr, D. Powell, C. Sneddon, O. Cresswell, H. Swinton. In the season P. Powell broke the club's record with 40 goals with C. Sneddon on 11.

It was a very successful season. In 1960 Kearsley finished fifth in the N.L. 2nd Division. The club's best goalscorers were D. Powell 17 and J. Rockley 12.

Kearsley filled eighth position in 1961 with E. Wells (14), T. Lyaghts (7), D. Powell (6), K. Knee (5), best goalscorers.

In 1962, the club remained in the doldrums with D. Powell top scorer on 18.

A revival helped to lift the club to third position in the 2nd Division in 1963. It lost in the semi-final to be knocked out. The club lost ground in 1964, winning only four of its 18 games. Worse was to follow in 1965, for the club took over the wooden spoon with five points from 18 matches. Relegated to 3rd Division, the Kearsley

team entered the semi-finals along with New Lambton, Merewether, Charlestown. In 1967, Kearsley finished fifth in 12 team series. Its home record was excellent with only one loss and two draws in a hard-fought series. Kearsley found it a hard job to regain a place in the 2nd Division for in 1968 it managed to fill the sixth place.

The 3rd Division was replaced by the Amateur League in 1969 and Kearsley concentrated on its junior teams. Kearsley remained in the wilderness till 1977 when under a new system of grading, it entered the 4th Division, finishing tenth in a 20 teams one-round premiership — its 2nd team in ninth place and its 3rds in eighth place. Signs of a revival.

The club had developed quite a group of potential juniors who should do well in the future.

1922 Season

President. J.H. Bloomfield

Secretary. Percy Shepperd & Laurie Tamlyn

Treasurer. J. Howard

The entries for the 1922 season Newcastle Competition

2nd Grade. Adamstown, Charlestown, Wallsend, West Wallsend, Killingsworth (Premiers)

3rd Grade. Boolaroo, Catherine Hill Bay, Dudley, Minmi, Wallsend, West Wallsend, Marylands, Mayfield, New Lambton, Redhead, Wallsend Kiara, Young Wallsend, Holmesville (Premiers)

4th Grade. Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Cardiff, Newcastle, Catherine Hill Bay, Jesmond, Wallsend Royals, Wallsend Mazeppas, Seahampton Seaweeds (Premiers)

Referees. J. Sanderson, Laurie Tamlyn, Bede Pratten, Harry Pratten, H.H. Winley, J. Dellaway, Shipp. Hughes, McLaren, Dodds, Broadbent, Shepperd, Smith, Channel, Dobinson, Harrigan,

South Maitland Competition entries

2nd Grade. Abermain, Bellbird, Cessnock, Hebburn, Neath, Weston, Greta,

3rd Grade. Abermain, Aberdare, Bellbird, Cessnock, West End, Hebburn, Kearsley, Stanford Methyr.

Referees

S. Field, Fred Jennings, Hincks, Tom Crawford, Endean, Earp, Penniment, Linsley, McBlane, Jowett, J. Sneddon, Beverly, N. Shaw, E. Messenger, Hindmarsh, Reek, Hollingsworth, McSweeney.

1922 Bin Cup	Adamstown 1921-22	Cessnock 1921-22	Kurr Kurr 1921-22	Mayfield United	Cardiff 1921-22	Wallsend 1921-22	Charlestown 1921-22	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown	X	2-1, 2-2	2-1, 2-1	2-0, 4-1	6-0, 7-0	1-2, 0-0	2-3, 1-1	1-2, 0-2	17
Cessnock	1-2, 2-2	X	2-1, 2-2	5-2, 7-4	5-0, 3-0	2-0, 0-3	2-1, 2-1	2-4, 2-2	19
Kurr Kurr	1-2, 1-2	1-2, 2-2	X	0-0, 2-0	5-1, 3-2	0-2, 0-2	2-4, 0-6	0-7, 2-2	9
Mayfield United	0-2, 1-4	2-5, 4-7	0-0, 0-2	X	2-0, 0-1	0-3, 0-6	1-8, 2-5	1-4, 0-5	3
Newcastle	0-6, 0-7	0-5, 0-3	1-5, 2-3	1-0, 0-2	X	1-9, 1-9	1-7, 1-7	1-6, 0-12	2
Wallsend	2-1, 0-0	3-0, 0-2	2-0, 2-0	3-0, 6-0	9-1, 9-1	X	2-2, 2-1	0-0, 1-2	21
Weston	3-2, 1-1	1-2, 1-2	4-2, 6-0	8-1, 5-2	W/F 7-1	2-2, 1-4	X	2-0, 1-0	20
West Wallsend	2-1, 2-0	4-2, 2-2	7-0, 2-2	5-0, 4-1	6-1, 12-0	0-0, 2-1	0-2, 0-1	X	21

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Five Sydney Clubs added a pleasing variety to the Kerr Cup series, but in the end it was West Wallsend and Weston who qualified to meet in the final. Under referee H.H. Winley, West Wallsend once again showed what an awesome power they were by defeating Weston 5x1, at the Tramway ground. The scorers for Westy were Podge Maunder (3) Sinclair and McLaughlin with one each. Weston fielded R. Cockburn, Tommy Oliver, J. Penman, Jack Avis, J. Martin, J. Bates, J. Adams, W. Richardson, J. McCroarey, Jack Gilmour, J. Mather (1).

Details of the competition are.

Round.1.	Cessnock	4 v Eastern Suburbs	1
	Kurri Kurri	6 v Gladesville Ryde	3
	Adamstown	4 v Campsie Thistles	0
	Pymont	2 v Sydney	1
	West Wallsend, Wallsend Rovers, Mayfield United, West Wallsend, Auburn (Byes)		

Round.2	Auburn	1 v Mayfield United	0
	Weston	1 v Cessnock	0
	Wallsend	4 v Adamstown	0
	Pymont	2 v Kurri Kurri	1
	West Wallsend (Bye)		

Round.3	Weston	2 v Auburn	1
	Wallsend, Pymont, West Wallsend (Byes)		

Semi Finals

	West Wallsend	1 v Wallsend	0
	Weston	3 v Pymont	2

Final.	West Wallsend	5 v Weston	1
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Gardiner Cup Series

There were 10 entries from the North, but only Adamstown, Wallsend and West Wallsend managed as far as the third round.

West Wallsend qualified to play Granville in the final going down 1x0.

Representative Match

During the season, the Newcastle representative XI beat Sydney 3x1. This match in Sydney brought together two "star" centre forwards in William "Podge" Maunder of West Wallsend and Alf Jennings from the South Coast. On the day, however, the honours went to Maunder who won a place in the Australian team to tour New Zealand.

New Zealand Tour details.

The full Australian touring team comprised the following.
 A. Morgan (Manager) (Q) S.A. Storey (Assist Manager) (N.S.W)
 W. Bratten (Q) G.W. Brown (Q) W. Bryant (Q) D. Cumberford (Q)
 J. Cumberford (Q) Alec Gibbs (Capt) (Q), W. McBride (Q)
 C. Shenton (Q) George Cartwright (Annandale Leichhardt)
 W. Dane (Granville) Peter Doyle (Adamstown)

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A.Fisher(V.Capt)Balmain Fernleigh)D.Ward(Balgownie)
Titch Thompson(Balgownie)William"Podge"Maunder(West-
Wallsend.)

Tour details.

Australia	3 v Wanganui	1
"	8 v Nelson	2
"	0 v Wellington	3
"	2 v Westland	1
"	4 v Southland	1
"	2 v Otago	1
"	6 v Taranaki	1
"	4 v Auckland	1
"	2 v South Auckland	1
"	5 v Manawatu	0

**Would you please note that Mr.J.Cumberford scored the first goal of the tour.

"But"Please note carefully. That Mr.W."Podge Maunder of the West Wallsend Bluebellis Club from Newcastle scored Australia's first ever "INTERNATIONAL GOAL,by scoring in the first test.

Australia	1 v New Zealand	3
G.Cartwright	Reg Craxton(Northcote)	
A.Fisher	Rewi Braithwaite(Huntley)	
D.Cumberford	Bob McAuley(Kaitangata)	
A.Gibb	Bill Brownlee(Thistle Wellington)	
C.Shenton	Jock Corbett(Philomel)	
P.Doyle	Dan Jones(Waterside)	
W.Dane	Wal Brundell(Northern Otago)	
J.Cumberford	Bill Knott(Northcote)	
W.Maunder(1)	Ted Cook(Corinthians Southland)	
D.Ward	George Campbell(Thistle W'Ton)	
T.Thompson	Chas Ballard(YMCA)	
	New Zealand scorers were	
	Cook(2)Knott(1)	

Match played at Carisbrook.
17/6/1922.

Second Test at Athletic Park Wellington 24/6/1922

Australia	1 v New Zealand	1
G.Cartwright	R.Craxton	
A.Fisher	R.Braithwaite	
D.Cumberford	R.McAuley	
A.Gibb	W.Brownlee	
C.Shenton	J.Corbett	
P.Doyle	D.Jones	
W.Bratten(1)	W.Brundell	
J.Cumberford	Bill Anton(Waterside)	
W.Maunder	T.Cook	
D.Ward	G.Campbell	
G.W.Brown	C.Ballard(1)	

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Third Test Domain Auckland 8/7/1922

Australia

1 v New Zealand

3

G.Cartwright

R.Craxton

A.Fisher

R.Braithwaite

D.Cumberford

R.McAuley

W.Bryant

N.McArthur(Thistle(Wellington)

W.McBride

D.Corbett(Philomel)

A.Gibb

D.Jones

W.Bratton

L.Barwell (Rangers)

W.Maunder

C.C.Dacre (North Shore)(1)

T.Thompson

E.Cook (1)

D.Ward

G.Campbell (1)

P.Doyle

C.Ballard

W.Dane

Brown(1)

1922 - Australian Touring Side to New Zealand



G Cartwright, J Cumberford, W Maunder, W Bratton, D Cumberford, W McBridie, C Shenton, J Bryant

D Ward, G Brown, A Gibb (Capt), A Morgan (Mgr), A Fisher (V-Capt), S Storey (Asst Mgr), P Doyle

W Dane, T Thompson

**Would you please note that J.Peebles and J.Hamilton after being selected to tour New Zealand both withdrew because of business reasons, and were replaced by W.Bryant and C.Shenton of Queensland.

Upon their return home, the Australian team were beaten by a South Maitland XI at the Drill Hall Ground Kurri Kurri. The South Maitland team were

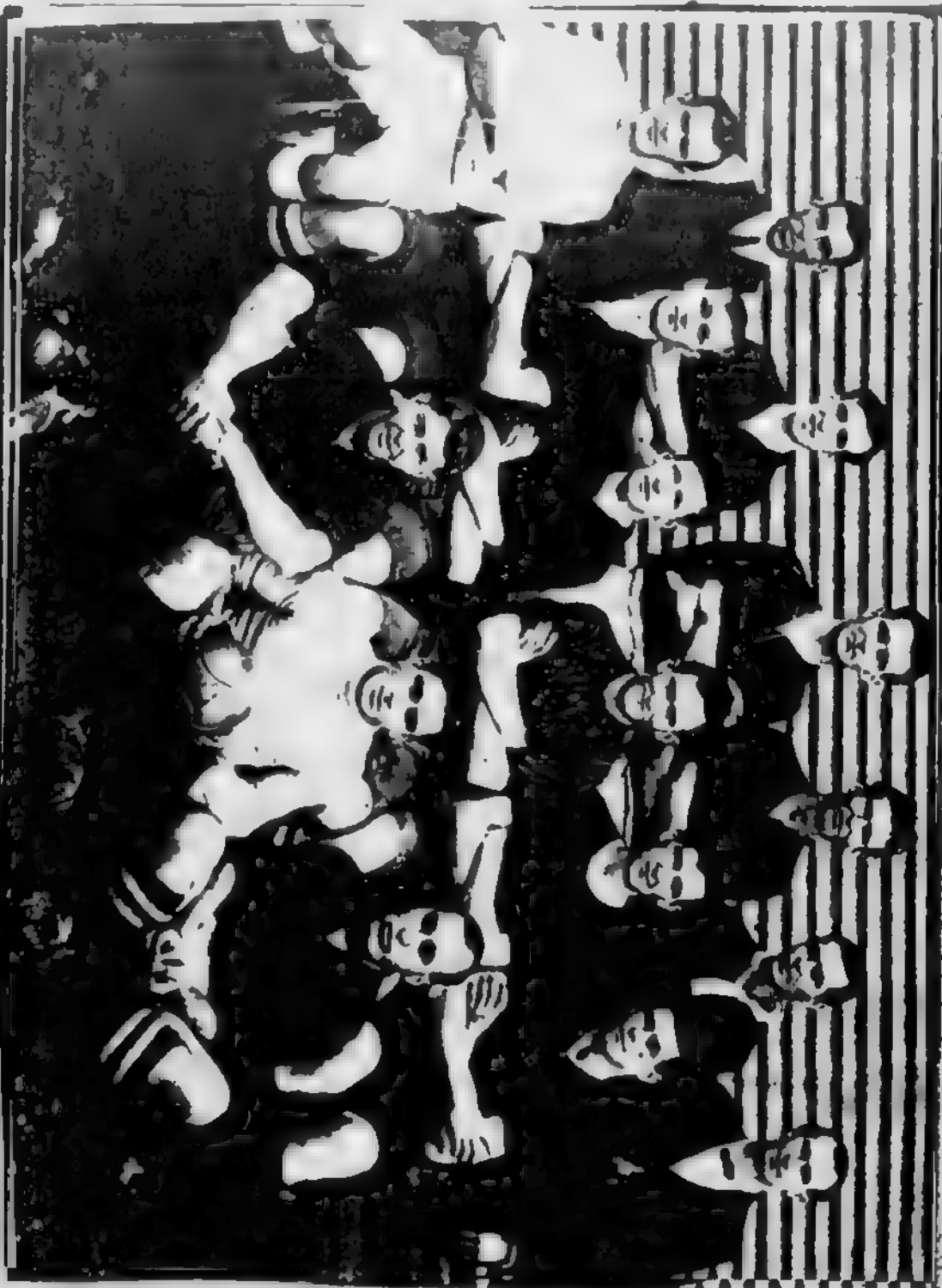
Bobby Austin(Weston)D.Leece(Weston)G.Williams(Cessnock)

A.Henderson(Kurri Kurri)J.Strange(Cessnock)

Peter Coppock(Weston)Tommy Oliver(Weston)Jack Avis(Weston)

Les Brown(Cessnock)Jack Gilmour(Weston)Perce Lennard (Cessnock)

J.Martin replaced the injured Tommy Oliver in the second half.



1922 At Kurri Kurri 20/7/1922
 South Maitland v Australia
 Back Row. G. Endean (Lines) A. Henderson, J. Martin (Capt)
 J. Strang, P. Coppock, J. Bates (Wgr)
 Middle Row. T. Crawford (Referee) J. A. is, T. Oliver,
 P. Lennard, J. Gilmore, L. Brown
 Front Row. G. Williams, Bob Austin, D. Leese.

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On the 22nd July, the Australian team played a 1x1 draw with N.S.W.

Australia	1 v New South Wales	1
G. Cartwright	J. Boyle (Coledale)	
A. Fisher	T. Callen (Balmain Gladestone)	
D. Cumberford	S. Robinson (Pymont)	
P. Doyle	E. Loveridge (Pymont)	
A. Gibb	W. Harrigan (Corrimal)	
G. Shenton	H. Spurway (Granville)	
W. Dane	H. Gowan (Sydney)	
J. Cumberford	P. Lennard (Cessnock)	
W. Maunder	A. Phillips (Balmain Fernleigh)	
D. Ward	D. McLaughlin (West Wallsend)	
T. Thompson	T. Sinclair (West Wallsend)	
Reserves	Reserves	
W. Bryant	R. Critcher (Corrimal)	
W. McBride	A. Creighton (Woonona Bulli)	
S. A. Storey	R. Maitland (Pymont)	
G. W. Brown	G. Turner (Sydney)	
W. Bratten		

Interstate Matches.

Queensland came to NSW IN July.

Newcastle	2 v Queensland	5
Bobby Austin (Weston)		
Rags Urwin (Wallsend)		
H. Butcher (Mayfield Utd)		
Art Lambert (Adamstown)		
J. Strange (Cessnock)		
A. Henderson (Kurri Kurri)		
J. McCroarey (Weston)		
Tommy Sinclair (West Wallsend)		
Di McLaughlin (West Wallsend)		
E. Williams (Cessnock)		
R. Henderson (Kurri Kurri)		

Queensland then met South Coast at Wollongong

South Coast	2 v Queensland	0
C. Boyle	J. Hamilton	
Hunter	V. Rumble	
Critcher	G. Harris	
Johnstone	J. Peebles (Capt)	
Creighton	E. Green	
Druery	J. Edwards	
E. Jarrett	L. Clarke	
Walsh (1)	T. Hainsworth	
J. Masters	D. Potts	
Jones (1)	W. Nichols	
Veigal	White	

Queensland also met Combined Hospitals winning 3x2 and also defeated Granville 3x2.

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New South Wales	2 v Queensland	3
J.Boyle(Coledale)		
Henry Maunder(West Wallsend)		
S.Robinson(Pyrmont)		
E.Loveridge(Pyrmont)		
G.Storey(Balmain Gladestone)		
Harry Spurway(Granville)		
R.Osborne(Granville)		
A.Phillips(1)Balmain Fernleigh)		
Alf Jennings(South Coast)		
E.See(Wallsend)		
Frank Mellier-Smith(St Stephens		
Tommy Sinclair(1)West Wallsend)		
Referee W.A.Wright		

New South Wales later in the year visited Queensland. The players were.
 E.Aitchinson(Granville)R.Critcher(Corrimal)J.Crum(Sydney,
 F.Callen(Balmain Gladestone)A.Creighton(Woonona Bulli)
 W.Harrigan(Corrimal)Peter Doyle(Capt)Adamstown)
 E.Williams(Cessnock)Perce Lennard(Cessnock)A.L.Peaty(Sydney)
 A.Phillips(Balmain Fernleigh)Tommy Sinclair(West Wallsend)
 Di McLaughlin(West Wallsend)G.Storey(Balmain Gladestone)
 S.Robinson(Pyrmont Rangers)J.R.Maitland(Pyrmont.

HOMESTEAD TRAGEDY

In September this year, while a number of players and spectators were sheltering in the iron dressing shed, at The Homestead, it was struck by lightning. The bolt killed player Peter Coppock, one of the finest half backs to play the game.
 Also killed was a fine young fellow, Gordon Hadfield, who had just turned 15 years of age.
 Several other people received shocks with three of them requiring hospitalisation.

1922 New South v Queensland *Team*



Back Row. H. Gallen. J. B. Crum. E. Aitchinson. R. Critcher. R. Storey.
 3rd Row. R. C. Maitland. A. Creighton. W. L. Harrigan. T. Sinclair.
 P. Lennard.
 2nd Row. E. J. Williams. L. B. Tamlyn (Mgr) P. Doyle (Capt)
 G. Storey (V. Capt) A. L. Peaty. D. McLaughlin.
 Front Row. A. Phillips. T. C. Sinclair (Mascot) F. Gallen.



Back Row. H. H. Winley. D. McLaren. A. Lambert. A. White. L. Tamlyn.
 W. Stott
 Middle Row. R. Lidbury. R. Sneddon (Capt) F. Hayes.
 Front Row. T. Coates. J. Cameron. W. Maunder. R. Urwin. D. McLaughlin.
 P. Doyle.

3rd June 1922 Newcastle v Queensland.



Back Row. D. McAllister, Bob Liddbury, E. Williams, A. Lambert
L. Tamblin.
Centre Row. Tom Sinclair, Rags Urwin, J. Strang, R. Henderson,
Di McLaughlin
Front Row. W. Stott (Referee) H. Butcher, Bobby Austin (Capt)
A. Henderson, J. McGroary.

Newcastle Tramway Football Club 1922

(Inset) W. Merritt, W. Kellett, P. Brogan
Back Row. Mascot, J. Dann, F. Davis (V.P) W. Brettle (V. Capt) A. Jack.
J. Ell, J. Dann (Treas)
Middle Row. A. Lewis (Assist-Sec) G. O'Brien, J. Smith (Capt)
E. Feighan, J. Heddles
Front Row. T. Burrell, G. Wright (Absent) P. Stoddard, J. Sneddon.

NEWCASTLE TRAMWAY SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB,

1922-23





1922 At Kurri Kurri 20/7/1922
 South Maitland v Australia
 Back Row. G. Endean (Lines) A. Henderson, J. Martin (Capt)
 J. Strang, P. Coppock, J. Bates (Mgr)
 Middle Row. T. Crawford (Referee) J. Avis, T. Oliver,
 P. Lennard, J. Gilmore, L. Brown
 Front Row. G. Williams, Bob Austin, D. Leese.

Weston 1922



Back Row(Standing Officials)

W. Beaney (Secretary) R. Humble. G. Avis, W. Barker. R. Dixon.
G. Kennedy (Trn)

3rd Row. T. Oliver. R. Cockburn. J. Penman.

Middle Row. W. Tweddle (Pres) J. Avis. J. Martin (Capt) J. Bates.
J. Mills.

Front Row. J. T. Adams, G. Richardson. J. McCroarey. J. Mather
J. Gilmour.

N.D.B.F.A.

Annual Report.

GENTLEMEN

In our last report we expressed pleasure at the increase the Soccer code had made during the 1921 season. This progress was continued in 1922 and at no time in the history of Northern Soccer was such a splendid season as witnessed. The increase in the code's popularity was greater than anticipated, and is a further proof that our code is taking the public eye.

COMPETITIONS.

The district system was persevered with, and met with satisfaction. In the Senior Grade eight teams entered: Merfield United, Newcastle City, Adamstown, Wallasey, West Wallsend, Kurri Kurri, Weston, and Coonamb. Merfield United were practically the old Lought's team, the other teams being as in previous seasons.

The Elia Cup was won by Wallasey, who defeated West Wallsend in a necessary final, and so Wallasey became senior premiers. The senior trophies were won by West Wallsend, who defeated Coonamb in the final.

The Second Grade competition drew five teams: Killingworth, West Wallsend, Wallasey, Adamstown, and Charlestown. Killingworth were the premiers and Middleton Cup winners, while in the final Adamstown, by virtue of their victory over Killingworth, secured the medals.

The A (Third) Grade competition drew thirteen teams. A one-round competition was again decided upon. As showing the keenness in this grade, three teams—Wallasey, Kurri Kurri, and Newcastle City—all finished undefeated, and level, at the head of the league. In the semi-final, Kurri Kurri defeated Newcastle, and Newcastle beat Kurri Kurri. Kurri Kurri then defeated Newcastle in the final, and so secured the Association trophies. Kurri Kurri further defeated Newcastle and Newcastle City in the Cup play-off, and so become A Grade premiers, and Lyle Cup winners.

In the Fourth Grade competition (reconstituted in 1921), twelve teams entered. It was decided to run two divisions, and to give the premiers of each division the Cape and sport for that purpose, and to call upon the two leading teams in each division to play a knock-out semi and final. Beaumont Seafoods were premiers of the "A" Division, and so secured the Brett's Cup. Newcastle were "B" Division premiers, and secured the new A. Bryant Cup. In the semi-final Beaumont defeated Newcastle, and Newcastle defeated Beaumont. In the final Beaumont defeated Newcastle, and so secured the Association trophies.

In the "B" Grade (under 18), ten teams entered. Adamstown and Wallasey were premiers, level, but in the play-off Adamstown, after three draws, defeated Wallasey. Adamstown later secured the double by winning the Association trophies.

The "C" Grade (under 16) was again won by West Wallsend, who thus for the second year in succession secured the Rowland Cup and trophies. In connection with this grade it should be pointed out that the play in the under 16 competition was a revelation. Scientific Soccer was witnessed, and it is evident that the teaching these boys received in the schools is showing good results, and, if continued, must advance the game still more.

SCHOOLS.

The School Teachers' Association again ran Soccer competitions, but increased their grades from two to three. Mr. L. O. Beatty was Secretary, and his report is as follows:—

"School Soccer competitions were conducted in the district in three grades. For the sake of convenience, the district was divided into two areas—Eastern and Western. In the Eastern area two competitions, A Grade (under 13 on 1/1/22), and B Grade (under 12½ on 1/1/22). In the Western area U Grade and C Grade (under 12 on 1/1/22), were carried on.

A Grade.—In this grade six teams competed. The final was won by Adamstown, who defeated High School in the final. Adamstown held Young Cup and medals.

B Grade.—In the two areas 14 teams entered, and the final was contested by the leading teams in each area. In the game Pittsburg defeated Hamilton (0-3), winning the new Braye Cup and medals.

C Grade.—Six teams entered. The final was won by West Wallsend, who defeated Burnside, after two draws. West Wallsend held the Matthews Cup and medals.

During the year two teams visited Sydney, representative of the A and B divisions of this district. The B Grade team played a draw, with the corresponding grade, while the A grade decisively defeated their opponents, who had been selected to tour Queensland, &c. Sydney were unable to return the visit.

The N.D.B.F.A. has the thanks and gratitude of the teachers and parents of the Newcastle district for the manner in which they have fostered the school boy players. The assistance which they extended, and the interest they took and continue to take, is greatly appreciated by the young players, and will bind them more firmly to the code under which they played during the year.

The parent body during the season gave financial aid towards the Sydney visit, and presented the winners in the three grades with sets of medals; they also secured for the B Grade the Braye Cup. Referee and grounds were always at our disposal, and the personal assistance of Mr. Tamlyn, though often sought, was always freely given."

MARIST BROTHERS.

It is regretted with regret that the Catholic Schools did not run a competition. The friendly relationship, however, still exists, and there is every prospect that the Brothers will, in the coming season, again run a League.

KERR CUP (NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP).

This was again thrown open to teams outside the Northern area. It again drew a large entry. West Wyalong defeated Werrina in the final and on account of the injuries which were last season won by Walland.

GARDINER CUP (STATE CHAMPIONSHIP).

This year, was again controlled by the New South Wales Association. A record entry was again received. Granville secured the trophy, defeating in the final West Wyalong, who were holders of the Cup.

RICHARDSON CUP (STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP).

Fourteen Newcastle teams entered in this event. New Lambton and Boak—both Newcastle teams—reached the final. Their meeting was preliminary of very exciting nature, and it took four games to decide who should become the State Junior Champions. At the fourth meeting Boak won a hard game by three goals to two.

INTER-DOMINION TOUR.

During the season an Australian team toured New Zealand. The team was with fair success, but were unsuccessful in the finals. New Zealand was two, and the other resulted in a draw.

INTERSTATE GAMES.

The usual Queensland games were indulged in, and the only test played in New South Wales was won by this State.

The return tour was made in August, and better success was secured. New South Wales winning both tests. Your Secretary was Manager of the New South Wales touring team.

Newcastle selected team met Queensland on the Tramway Ground. Queensland were the better team, and for the first time in many years Newcastle suffered defeat. The Queenslanders were the guests of Sir Worsley the Mayor (Alderman Curran) to a warm reception, and guests of your Association to dinner, etc.

JUNIOR STATE TOUR.

For the first time a New South Wales Junior Team toured Queensland. The team was captained by a Newcastle player—Joe Warrill. The tour opened on new ground, and the return visit—this year—also placed this year—also placed added interest in the Junior ranks.

INTER DISTRICT CONTESTS.

A selected Newcastle team visited the South Coast, and played the selected South Coast team. Newcastle won 3-1. Later in the season another selected Newcastle team visited Sydney, and on Wentworth Park defeated the Metropolitan Eleven 3-1. Your Treasurer (Mr. R. Skilling) acted as Manager in both these teams.

Junior Inter-district games at Sydney were again played. In Newcastle, Sydney A Grade defeated Newcastle, but the B Grade game resulted in a draw.

The return games in Sydney again resulted in Newcastle winning the B Grade match, while the A Grade game was drawn. Your President (Mr. J. H. Mansfield) was Manager of the Junior Team.

GROUNDS.

The Trainway Ground was again the chief playing area, and was in use every Saturday during the season. Young Wallace ground was frequently used, while Lismore, Weston, and Kurr Kurri grounds were also utilized for Keir Cup matches.

In the early part of last season the Association took on its biggest liability when a grandstand was erected, and officially opened by His Worship the Mayor of Lismore (Alderman Tanswood), on June 3rd. The cost of the stand was £1402. Towards this £800 was borrowed and to those who so kindly assisted us we desire to place on record our thanks—especially do we express our appreciation to F. W. Barrow, Esq., President N.S.W. Soccer Association; S. Howard, Esq., Vice-president N.S.W. Soccer Association; and to the State Association who were the first to send us money for the grandstand purpose. Of this £800, £300 has been repaid, and at the present time only £500 remains to be paid off. The stand made a wonderful improvement to the Trainway Ground, and proved a good revenue-producer.

REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

The Referees' Association was again to the fore with valuable help. Mr. Atch was President while Mr. Durie and Mr. Shipp were again Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

FINANCE.

The receipts for the year show a wonderful improvement. The income was £3287 10s 10d (gate receipts being £2384 10s 11d). The expenditure was £2644 17s 10d. The chief items of expenditure were £1200 paid off the grandstand, £1200 cost £200, advertising £100, rent £104. Taxation £270, allowance to clubs £100, £100 to be paid to the State Association, while improvements to the ground cost £100. A credit balance of £181 3s is carried forward.

The Assets and Liability side show a wonderful balance in favour of your Association. The Auditor, Mr. Magnus Cronin, estimates the Association's Assets at £1871, while its liabilities are only £200 on Trainway Grandstand, and £37 10s on Young Wallace ground. When it is mentioned that a few years ago the Association had no Assets, it will readily be seen what the growth of the code has been.

Only £27 10s is now owing on Young Wallace ground before it becomes the absolute property of the N.S.W.F.A., while the remaining £200 debt on the grandstand should soon be wiped off.

Last year, ladies, as well as seniors, were allowed their travelling expenses in the Association Grounds. The improved finances of the Association warrant the suggestion that the allowance should be increased, and this should be carefully considered by councillors. It is worth while mentioning that no other football code in Australia allows its juniors travelling expenses. Last year's experiment, however, is sufficient reason for at least the continuation of the practice.

BEREAVEMENTS.

It is with regret we record the deaths of a former Association Secretary, W. W. (Bill) Linbata, after an extended illness. P. G. (Peter) Lampack was killed by lightning at Weston; and J. (Jack) Durr, the Matched Secretary, died in Newcastle Hospital after several operations. A benefit was run for Memorials Lampack and Durr, and it is pleasing to record the fact that £100 was received. Both widows receive £25, in addition to which the State Association donated £10 10s to Mrs. Lampack.

MANAGEMENT.

The Committee as usual met weekly. Thirty-seven meetings were held. The attendance of Committeemen was as follows: J. H. Bloomfield (President), 37; H. J. Skilling (Treasurer), 31; L. B. Tait (Secretary), 30; S. Howard (Vice-president), 32; S. Stewart, 32; H. M. Windsor, 31; W. Atch, 31; J. Durie, 19 (who was regarded as Referees' Representative by Mr. P. J. Sheppard, who attended 16 meetings).

CHARITY.

Twenty pounds was donated to the Newcastle Hospital, in addition to which letters of thanks for assistance rendered have been received from the Motor Ambulance Brigade, the United Charities, the Hamilton unemployed, the Newcastle unemployed, the Salvation Army, and various small charitable bodies.

THANKS.

We again desire to express our thanks for all who assisted our code. The Press remained as in splendid fashion, while players, referees, club officials all did their part in assisting the code's advance.

CONCLUSION.

With the 1922 season's great advance to open everyone on, the problems of the future can be met with a bold front. The masses of the code merely require the same pulling all together, as has been evidenced in the past, and then success will quickly reach even higher in the public view.

J. H. BLOOMFIELD, President.

L. B. TAIT, Hon. Secretary.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Nos. 97250 and
116720.

Certificate of Incorporation of Company

The Companies Act, 1936.
(Section 369).

This is to Certify—

(1) that THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED
originally called The Football Association (Australia) Limited

was incorporated under the Companies Act, 1899, and is deemed to be
registered under the Companies Act, 1936.

(2) that the date of Incorporation of the said Company is the
twelfth ——— day of October ——— one thousand nine
hundred and twenty-three.

(3) that the said Company is limited by shares.

Giben under my hand, at Sydney, this twelfth ———
day of April, ——— one thousand nine hundred
and forty-six.

Exd.

Percy L. Tompkins
Deputy Registrar-General.

1923 Season.

President. A.A. Stirling
 Vice President. H.H. Winley
 Secretary. P.J. Shepherd
 Assist. Secretary. C. Edmunds
 Treasurer. R.J. Skillings

Nominations for Grades

Senior Grade entries 9
 Second Grade entries 8
 Third Grade entries 10.

Senior Entries were

Wallsend, Adamstown, West Wallsend, Weston, Cessnock,
 Kurri Kurri, Neath, Mayfield Utd, Newcastle/Hamilton.

Second Grade Entries

Adamstown, Killingsworth, Mayfield Utd, Wallsend, Teralba,
 Newcastle/Hamilton, Mayfield Central, West Wallsend.

Third Grade Entries

Boolaroo, Holmesville, Dudley, New Lambton, Mayfield Utd,
 Wallsend, Swansea, School Of Arts, West Wallsend.

Fourth Grade Entries (A. Division)

Cardiff, Jesmond, Wakefield, Wallsend Royals, Dudley, Adamstown,
 West Wallsend, Broadmeadow, Killingsworth,

Fourth Grade (B. Division)

Boolaroo, Catherine Hill Bay, Redhead, Fernleigh, Newcastle,
 Merewether Advance, New Lambton, Teralba, Thistles.

Registered Referees, a

S. Smith, W. Hughes, B. Pratten, J. Biddlecomb, G. Broadbent
 J. Durie, J. Dodds, W. Shipp, H.H. Winley, E. Rutherford, A. Jack,
 D. McLaren, J. Sneddon, J. Sanderson, J. Graham, Charlie Nix.

On the 9th May 1923, the first senior match ever played
 at Neath took place Between Kurri Kurri and Neath.
 Kurri Kuri won 2x0.

1923 Elia Cup	Adamstown	Cessnock	Kurri Kurri	Mayfield United	Newcastle - Hamilton	Neath	Wallsend	Weston	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown	X	2-1, 4-0	2-2, 0-1	2-1, 3-0	1-0, 3-0	0-0, 1-1	0-0, 2-1	3-0, 1-1	3-1, 1-0	25
Cessnock	1-2, 0-4	X	0-0, 1-1	6-2, 4-0	4-0, 5-0	1-0, 2-0	1-2, 1-3	1-0, 0-1	2-0, 0-3	18
Kurri Kurri	2-2, 1-0	0-0, 1-1	X	3-1, 5-0	5-2, 4-0	2-1, 3-0	1-4, 0-1	2-2, 1-3	1-4, 1-5	18
Mayfield United	1-2, 0-3	2-6, 0-4	1-3, 0-5	X	2-0, 2-2	0-1, 2-3	1-2, 1-5	3-3, 2-10	1-3, 1-7	4
Newcastle Hamilton	0-1, 0-3	0-4, 0-5	2-5, 0-4	0-2, 2-2	X	2-2, 2-3	2-9, 0-7	0-3, 0-5	1-2, 1-7	2
Neath	0-0, 1-1	0-1, 0-2	1-2, 0-3	1-0, 3-2	2-2, 3-2	X	4-4, 1-2	0-0, 1-3	2-3, 2-2	12
Wallsend	0-0, 1-2	2-1, 3-1	4-1, 1-0	2-1, 5-1	9-2, 7-0	4-4, 2-1	X	3-0, 3-1	1-0, 0-2	26
Weston	0-3, 1-1	1-0, 0-1	2-2, 3-1	3-3, 10-2	3-0, 5-0	0-0, 3-1	0-3, 1-3	X	2-2, 2-1	19
West Wallsend	1-3, 0-1	0-2, 3-0	4-1, 5-1	3-1, W/F	2-1, W/F	3-2, 2-2	0-1, 2-0	2-2, 1-2	X	20

1923

First Grade Semi Final

Adamstown

3 v West Wallsend

3

A.Smith
J.Beddo
S.Stewart
Peter Doyle
Art Lambert
L.Bailey
E.Bush(2)
J.Stewart
Alec Cameron
H.Johns
J.Cameron(1)

Jack Coutts
H.James
Henry Maunder
Clarrie Coutts
W.Smith
Frank Coolahan
Di McLaughlin
Tommy Sinclair(2)
W.Erickson(1)
G.Ross
Tommy Coates

Referee J.Sneddon

Replay

Adamstown

1 v West Wallsend

0

A.Smith
J.Beddo
S.Stewart
Peter Doyle
Art Lambert
L.Bailey
E.Bush(1)
J.Stewart
Alec Cameron
H.Johns
J.Cameron

Jack Coutts
H.James
Henry Maunder
Clarrie Coutts
W.Smith
Frank Coolahan
Di McLaughlin
Tommy Sinclair
W.Erickson
G.Ross
Tommy Coates

Referee J.Sneddon

**Would you please note that in the first Semi Final Adamstown's Goalkeeper A.Smith was sent from the field by Referee Sneddon,""But in the extra time played, the Adamstown Goalkeeper A.Smith was allowed back on the field for extra time.
West Wallsend appealed to the NDBFA ,but the appeal was dismissed

The Second Semi Final

Weston

1 v Wallsend

0

Bobby Austin
Tommy Oliver
J.Bates
A.Little
Jack Avis
H.Bellamy
J.Gallagher
Jack Gilmour(1)
J.McCroarey
J.Grant
A.Adams

G.Bower
Eric Urwin
Dan Rees
Jimmy Johnstone
Rags Urwin
Ernie Owen
F.Wills
W.Gibson
P.Davidson
W.Walker
W.Craig

Referee D.McLaren

1923

Final at the Tramway Ground Hamilton

Weston	3 v Adamstown	2
Bobby Austin	A. Smith	
Tommy Oliver	J. Beddow(1)	
J. Bates	W. Stewart	
A. Little	Peter Doyle	
Jack Avis	A. Lambert	
H. Bellamy	L. Bailey	
J. Gallagher	H. Johns	
Jack Gilmour(1)	Coates	
J. McCroarey(1)	E. Gilbert	
J. Grant	Alec Cameron	
A. Adams(1)	J. Bush	
	Reserve	
	J. Stewart	

Referee S. Smith

KERR CUP

There were no entries from Sydney for this year's Cup
in the first Semi Final

Cessnock	2 v West Wallsend	1
J. Hannah	J. Coutts	
R. Lidbury	H. James	
G. Williams	H. Maunder	
G. Rowe	W. Smith	
T. Durie	C. Coutts(1)	
J. Wilson	F. Coolahan	
E. Williams(1)	T. Coates	
L. Brown	R. Boundy	
E. Hodge	G. Ross	
P. Lennard(1)	T. Sinclair	
C. McCartney	D. McLaughlin	

Referee S. Smith

The second Semi Final

Wallsend	4 v Weston	0
G. Bower	Bobby Austin	
Dan Rees	J. Grant	
Eric Urwin	T. Kelly	
Jimmy Johnstone	J. Bates	
W. Scott	Jack Avis	
Ernie Owen	T. Little	
P. Davidson(1)	J. Gallagher	
Rags Urwin	Jack Gilmour	
W. Gibson	J. McCroarey	
W. Walker(1)	T. Derricott	
W. Craig(2)	H. Bellamy	

Referee Charlie Nix

1923

Kerr Cup Final
Tramway Ground Hamilton

Cessnock	2 v Wallsend	1
Hannah	G. Bower	
Lidbury	D. Rees	
Williams	E. Urwin	
Wilson	J. Johnstone	
Durie	W. Scott	
Rowe	E. Owen	
McNaughton(1)	F. Wills	
L. Brown	R. Urwin	
E. Hodge	W. Gibson(1)	
P. Lennard	W. Walker	
R. McCartney(1)	W. Craig	

Entries for the South Maitland Competition were (Third Grade)
Aberdare, Cessnock, Cessnock West End, Greta, Bellbird, Hebburn,
Grasshoppers, Stanford Methyr, East Greta, Pelaw Main
Kearsley and Rangers.

South Maitland fourth Grade
East Greta, Mulbring, Pagans, Pelaw Main, Stanford Methyr,
and Savyers Gully.

Gardiner Cup

Eight Northern teams nominated for the Gardiner Cup this
year but four local derbys in the first round saw the
representation cut in half. However, West Wallsend made it
through to the final defeating Balmain Fernleigh.
(More detail later)

1923 Kerr Cup Winners Cessnock



Back Row. W. Jack (Pres) B. Green (Assist Sec) J. Rennex (Com)
F. Gosper (Sec)
3rd Row. A. Gibbons (Com) Unknown ? G. Rowe (V. Capt)
G. Rennex. W. Hannah. E. See. G. Williams. P. Lennard.
R. McNaughton
Seated. M. McCartney. T. Durie (Capt) Les Brown. E. Hodge.
Front Row. W. Mathieson. H. Wilson. E. Williams.



3rd Grade Winners New Lambton
Back Row. J. Blair Snr. J. Parsons Snr.
4th Row. D. Wylie, J. Blair Jnr. P. Jordan, A. Lewis, E. Spruce
3rd Row. T. Mascord, P. Stoddart, D. Griffiths, H. Jordan, W. Sibley
D. Morgan. W. Westhead. J. McNaught. E. Gray.
Seated. E. Maddison. J. Wilkinson (Pres) J. Parsons Jnr (Capt)
J. Ferguson (Sec) W. Hetherington (Treas)
Front. S. Lorimer. C. Davies. (Inset) T. Johnson.

The Ashes

"Anzac" Perpetuated

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TESTS

UNTIL the 1923 season "the ashes," whether in cricket or football, was a word and a technical term, and it was not until the start of the New Zealand Soccer team in Australia in 1923 that tangible ashes came into being. These ashes are those of cigars smoked by George Campbell, captain of the New Zealand team, and Alex Gibb, captain of the Australian team, at two banquets on the side of the Tasman and on each side of the aster was the happy thought of Mr. H. G. Meyer, manager of the New Zealand team, who had secured a relic of Anzac ideally suited to such a purpose.

This relic is a putted safety razor case about 4 x 2 inches, and an inch deep. It was presented to Mr. W. Fisher, secretary of the Queensland Football Association in 1923, on his leaving with the Australian Imperial Forces for Gallipoli, and was in his possession at the landing of Gallipoli. When this memento of that historic event was presented to Mr. Meyer he conceived the happy idea of making the container for some actual ashes to be mounted and preserved in permanent form as a trophy to be competed for in the Premier Test matches between New Zealand and Australia. Hence the collection of the ashes of the cigars smoked by the two captains.

The razor case was restored to new condition and the lid permanently soldered on. This has been mounted in a beautiful casket of Australian and New Zealand timbers, made by Mr. J. S. Kean, a New Zealand artist at this class of work.

The base on which the casket stands and also the lid of the casket are of New Zealand honey-suckle with extremely pretty markings, and the body of the casket is of Australian maple all polished to perfection, with plated hinges and new. The top of the lid is surmounted by a silver Soccer ball, while the front panel bears a silver kangaroo in the centre with a silver fern leaf on each side bearing the letters "N.Z." in blue enamel.

Inside the lid is a silver plate inscribed: "This safety-razor case was at the landing of the Australia-

lian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli, and contains the ashes of cigars smoked by G. Campbell, the New Zealand captain, and A. Gibb, the Australian captain, at a banquet held in Brisbane, June 9, 1922, and at Sydney June 16, 1922."

The container is secure; fixed to the bottom of the casket so that it cannot be removed. The casket is mounted on a silver feet on the base. On the front of the base is a silver plate 7 inches by 3 inches inscribed: "New Zealand and Australian Soccer Ashes. This casket is made of New Zealand and Australian woods and was presented by H. G. Meyer, manager of the New Zealand team touring Australia 1923 season. The ashes are contained in the canister inside this casket."

On the back of the base a slightly larger plate bears the record of the games to date as follows:— "1922. New Zealand, two wins, one draw, 1923. two wins, one loss." There is room for sufficient records for the next 25 years.

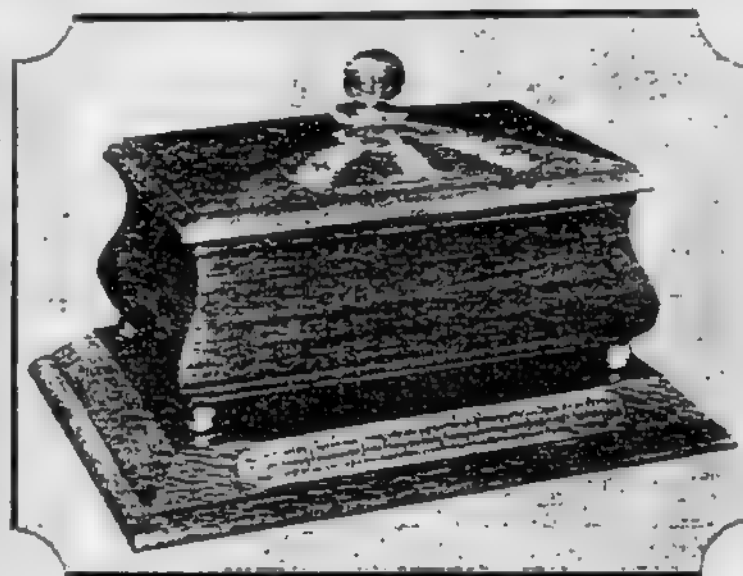
Under the bag a receptacle has been cut, mounted by a plate screwed over it, and in which the key is placed and screwed in when not in use, the plate bearing an inscription to that effect.

inscription to that effect.

The world-wide known term "The Ashes" is believed to have originated in a newspaper report of the memorable test cricket match at the Oval in 1882. The newspaper commented on the match in the following manner:—

In affectionate remembrance
of
English Cricket,
Which died at the Oval
on
August 29th, 1882

Deeply lamented by a large
circle of sorrowing friends
and acquaintances. R.I.P.
N.Z.—The body will be cremated, and the ashes taken to
Australia.



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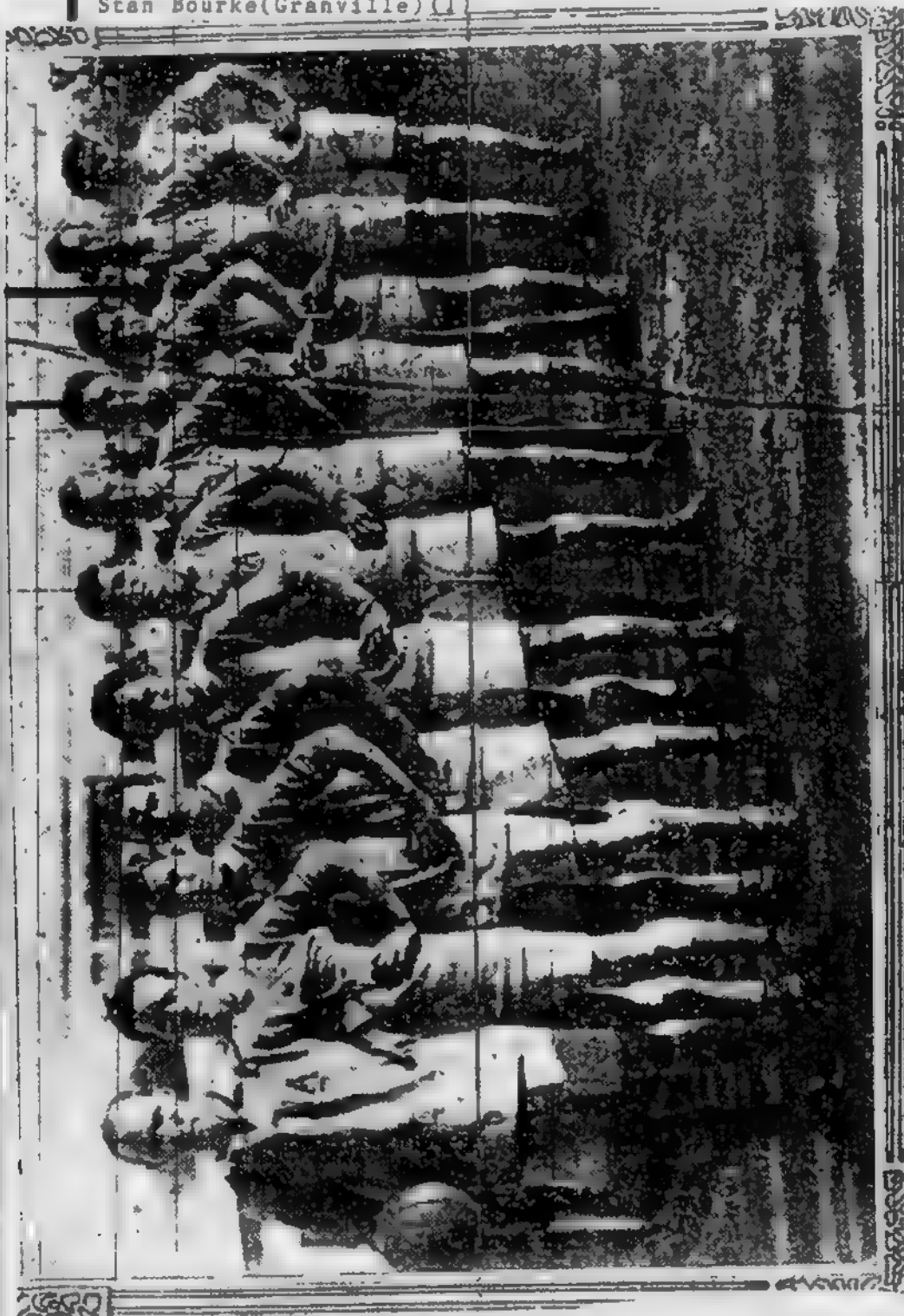
New South Wales

2 v New Zealand

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Sydney 26/5/1923

G. Cartwright (Annandale)
F. Gallen (Granville)
Tom Oliver (Weston)
E. Loveridge (Pymont)
W. Harrigan (Corrimal)
Peter Doyle (Capt) (Adamstown)
Stan Bourke (Granville) (1)



THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN: A. GIBB (Q.), W. MITCHELL (Q.), T. THOMPSON (N.S.W.), M. BURTON (Q.), P. LENNARD (N.S.W.), S. ROBINSON (N.S.W.), J. WHITE (Q.), W. MAUNDER (N.S.W.), J. LOVE (Q.), C. GEDGE (Q.), G. CARTWRIGHT (N.S.W.)

New South Wales

2 v New Zealand

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Sydney 26/5/1923

Titch Thompson(Balgownie)

2 v New South Wales

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Sydney

A. Phillips (Balmain Fernleigh)

2 v New Zealand

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1st Test Brisbane 9/6/1923

Balk

Perce Lennard(Cessnock)scored Australia's first ever home international Goal.

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Alec Gibb (Q) Capt
W. "Podge" Maunder (We
Perce Lennard (1) Ces
Titch Thompson (Balg
W. Mitchell (Q)
J. White (Q)
C. Gedge (Q)
J. Love (Q)
S. Robinson (Corrimal
Burton (Q)

Please note players
positions.
Perce Lennard (Cessna
International Goal.

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1st Test Nov.

9/6/1923.

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Second Test in Sydney 16/6/1923

Australia 2 v New Zealand 3

G. Cartwright (Annandale)	R. Craxton
S. Robinson (Corrimal)	R. Brathwaite
C. Gedge (Q)	R. McAuley
J. Peebles (Q)	W. Thomas (Marist)
J. White (Q)	J. Kissick (Hospital)
A. Gibb (Q) Capt	W. Brownlee
W. Mitchell (Q)	R. Innes (Ponsonby)
P. Lennard (Cessnock) (1)	C. Dacre (1)
W. "Podge" Maunder (West Wallsend)	G. Campbell (2)
J. Gilmour (Weston) (1)	H. Balk (Maori Hill)
Titch Thompson (Balgownie)	C. Ballard

Referee W.A. Wright

Third Test at the Tramway Ground Hamilton

Australia 1 v New Zealand 4

Bobby Austin (Weston)	R. Craxton
Ernie Owen (Wallsend)	R. Braithwaite
C. Gedge (Q)	R. McAuley
Peter Doyle (Adamstown)	W. Thomas
Gil Storey (Balmain Fernleigh)	Kissock
Alec Gibb (Q) Capt	W. Bryden
W. Mitchell (Q)	C. Innes
Perce Lennard (Cessnock)	Dacre
W. "Podge" Maunder (West Wallsend)	Campbell (3)
Judy Masters (Balgownie)	Ballard (1)
Titch Thompson (Balgownie) (1)	Balk

Referee Laurie Tamlyn 30/6/1923

South Coast 2 v New Zealand 0

at Bulli 7/7/1923

J. Boyle (Coledale)
 P. Hunter (Balgownie)
 J. Muir (Woonona)
 W. Johnston (Balgownie)
 A. Jones (Capt) (Balgownie)
 N. Cheney (Woonona)
 E. Jarrett (Woonona)
 D. Ward (Balgownie)
 Cob Jones (2) (Corrimal)
 Titch Thompson (Balgownie)
 Judy Masters (Balgownie)
 Reserves
 T. Robson (Coledale)
 J. Jardine (Corrimal)
 R. Critcher (Corrimal)
 S. Learmonth (Balgownie)

Referee Herb Reay.

Granville 3 v New Zealand 1

Clyde Oval.

**Please note that only New South Wales and Queensland
 took part in the tour against New Zealand.

30/6/1923

At Newcastle Showground

Australia

Bob Austin(Weston)

Ernie Owen(Wallsend)

G.Gedge(Bush Rats.Q)

P.Doyle(Adamstown)

Gil Storey(Bal Fernleigh)

A.Gibb(Bundamba Rangers)

W.Mitchell(Brisbane City)

Perce Lennard(Cessnock)

W.Maunder(West Wallsend(1)

J.Masters(Balgownie)

Titch Thompson(Balgownie)

I v New Zealand 4

R.Craxton(North Shore)

R.Braithwaite(Ponsonby)

R.McAuley(Otago)

W.Thomas(Marist)

J.Kissock(Hospital)

J.Dryden(Northern Otago)

R.Innes(Ponsonby)

C.Dacre(North Shore)

G.Campbell(Thistle Wellington)4

C.Ballard(YMCA)

N.Balk(Maori Hill)



G. STOREY

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On the 27th May 1923, a Newcastle representative side defeated New Zealand, 2x0 at the Tramway Ground Hamilton. Newcastle team comprised the following.

Newcastle	2 v New Zealand	0
G.Bower(Wallsend)		
Frank Hayes(West Wallsend)		
Peter Doyle(Adamstown)		
Art Lambert(Adamstown)		
Ernie Owen(Wallsend)		
J.Gill(Mayfield Utd)		
Keith Urwin(Wallsend)		
William "Podge" Maunder(West Wallsend) 2)		
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)		
Tommy Coates(West Wallsend)		
Henry Maunder(West Wallsend)		
W.Gill(Mayfield Utd)		

Referee H.H.Winley

On the same tour New Zealand suffered defeat at the hands of the Powerful South Maitland team.

South Maitland	2 v New Zealand	1
At Cessnock Pit Paddock		

Bob Austin
Tom Oliver
W.Mathieson
A.Creighton
Jack Avis(Capt)
Les Brown
Perce Lennard
J.McCroarey
Jack Gilmore
Roy McNaughton
G.Williams

Referee J.Earp.

South Maitland	4 v New Zealand	1
at the Homestead Weston		

Bobby Austin
Tom Oliver
W.Mathieson
A.Creighton
Jack Avis(Capt)
Les Brown
Perce Lennard
J.McCroarey
Jack Gilmore
Roy McNaughton
G.Williams

Referee Thomas Crawford.

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This is the Newcastle team which defeated Victoria
and New Zealand in Newcastle

29/5/1923 Newcastle 2 v New Zealand 0
26/6/1923 Newcastle 3 v Victoria 0



Standing. T. Sinclair. H. H. Winley (Ref) R. Skillings (Treas)
F. Hayes, H. J. Connell (MLA) Patron G. Bower. P. Doyle (Cpt)
H. Maunder (V. Cpt) A. A. Stirling (Pres) A. Lambert.
P. J. Shepherd (Sec) E. Owen. L. Bailey.
Front. T. Coates. J. Cameron. W. Maunder. R. Urwin. J. Gill.

Inter State Matches

.1923. Newcastle defeated the New Zealanders

Then defeated Victoria

Victorian Team comprised the following.

Bingham, McFarlane, Raitt, Bristow, Stevens, Hamilton, Brown,
Anderson, Shepperd, Davidson, Boniface
Referee. Bede Pratten.

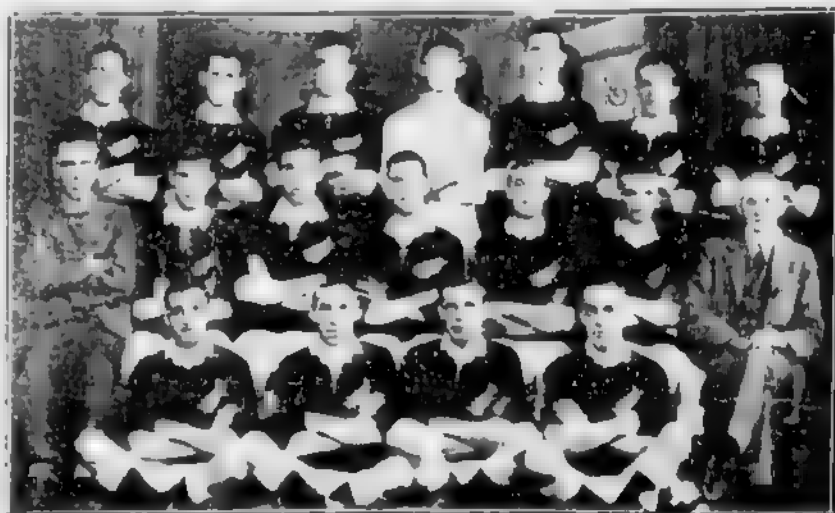
Victoria suffered another defeat at the hands of the South
Maitland Association.

The teams were.

South Maitland	6 v Victoria	0
Drill Hall Ground	Kurri Kurri	
Bobby Austin	Bingham	
Tommy Oliver	McFarlane	
R. Bower	Raitt	
P. Mathieson (1)	Vanderresh	
A. Creighton	Stevens	
Jack Avis (Capt)	Hamilton	
E. Williams	Anderson	
Perce Lennard (2)	Brown	
J. McCrosrey (2)	Shepperd	
R. McNaughton	Taylor	
Jack Drinkwater (1)	Boniface	

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCCER FOOTBALL TEAM WAS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL SIDE TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

New Zealand won
2 out of 3 matches
played here in
1923. Australia
won all Tests in
Australia in 1933
and again in New
Zealand in 1936.



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TOUR
QUEEN-

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Back Row. J. Boyle

End Row. H. Spurway, J. Muir, J. Crum, D. Rees, T. Oliver.

3rd Row. W. Johnston, A. Winter, D. Ward, J. Gilmour.

Sitting. J. Masters, A. Creighton (Capt), Mr. Cunningham (Mgr)
G. Storey, A. Veigal

Front. D. McLaughlin.

New South Wales also toured Victoria during the year.
The team members were

J. Boyle (Corrymool) H. Spurway (Granville) Dan Rees (Wallsend)
Tom Oliver (Weston) W. Johnston (Balgownie) H. Winter (Granville)
D. Ward (Balgownie) J. Gilmour (Weston) Judy Masters (Balgownie)
A. Creighton (Capt) Weston) Gil Storey (V. Capt) Balmain Fernleigh)
A. Veigal (Woonona) Di McLaughlin (West Wallsend)
Mr Cunningham (Mgr) South Coast.

Local Representative Matches

Newcastle	3 v South Maitland	0
A. Smith	M. Sternbeck	
H. Maunder	G. Jones	
F. Hayes	T. Oliver	
L. Bailey	G. Rowe	
A. Lambert	A. Creighton (Capt)	
W. Smith	P. Mathieson	
T. Coates (1)	L. Brown	
J. Cameron	S. Wells	
P. Davidson (1)	J. McCroarev	
R. Urwin (1)	J. Gilmour	
D. McLaughlin	R. McNaughton	

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Continuing their depressing tour, Victoria then faced NSW in Sydney on 23/6/1923 with the teams being.

New South Wales	5 v Victoria	1
G.Cartwright	H.Bingham	
G.Gallen	S.McFarlane	
Henry Maunder	G.Raitt	
Peter Doyle	F.Hopgood	
W.Harrigan	M.Vanderresh	
Harry Spurway	J.Hamilton	
Banks(1)	J.Anderson	
Perce Lennard(1)	D.Brown	
W"Podge"Maunder(2)	J.Parker(1)	
A.Phillips(1)	Davidson	
Titch Thompson	F.Boniface	

Referee J.H.Lester

Queensland Tour

NSW sent a team to Queensland during this year the Chosen players were.

J.Boyle(Corrimal)J.Crum(Pymont,Tommy Oliver(Weston)
W.Johnston(Balgownie)A.Creighton(capt)Weston)
Harry Spurway(Granville)Dan Rees(Wallsend)
D.Ward(Balgownie)Judy Masters(Balgownie)
J.Sherringway(Sydney)Di McLaughlin(West Wallsend)
J.Muir(Coledale)C.Leadbeater(Granville)Gil Storey(Balmain-
Fernleigh)H.Winter(Granville)A.Veigal(Woonona)
Manager.Mr.H.Cunningham(South Coast)

In the first match NSW 3 v Queensland 0

The teams were

New South Wales	3 v Queensland	0
J.Boyle	Hamilton	
J.Crum	Routledge	
T.Oliver	Gedge	
W.Johnston	Love	
A.Creighton	White	
H.Spurway	Gibb	
D.Rees	Mitchell	
D.Ward	Clarke	
J.Masters(2)	Lebetter	
J.Gilmour(1)	Botwell	
D.McLaughlin	Burton	

NSW also defeated Queensland in the second match,
No teams are av.



JUDY MASTERS

South Maitland Representative Squad - 1923



- 2 23/6/1923 South Maitland 2 v Victoria 0 at Kurri Kurri
 1 13/6/1923 " " 2 v New Zealand 0 at Cessnock
 3/7/1923 " " 4 v New Zealand 1 at Weston
 B Back Row. G. Williams. T. Oliver. R. Austin. R. Bower. E. Williams.
 3 3rd Row W. Beaney (Mgr) W. Mathieson. A. Creighton. J. Avis
 G. Kennedy (Trn)
 2 2nd Row. L. Brown. T. Crawford (Ref) J. W. Earp (Ref) R. McNaughton
 F Front Row. P. Lennard. J. McCroarey. J. Gilmour.

NDBFA B-Grade Team which defeated Metropolitan, 3-1, on 4th June, 1923



- Be Back Row. P. J. Sheppard (Sec) G. Reay. E. Richardson. J. Proudlock.
 P. Dines. J. Carr. A. Partridge. J. Cooper. W. Hughes (L/Man)
 Fr Front Row. D. McLaren (L/Man) J. Scott. J. Woods. A. Cameron.
 D. Kaiser. D. Campbell

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During the season Newcastle defeated Sydney 3x0 at the Tramway Ground Hamilton.

Newcastle side which defeated Sydney



Back Row. B. Channell (Ref) A. Henderson (Holmesville)
 J. H. Bloomfield (Pres) W. Chapman (Capt) Catherine -
 Hill Bay) T. Muir (West Wallsend) J. Parsons (Hamilton)
 R. Skillings (Treas)

2nd Row. E. Taylor (North Lambton) W. Sibley (Hamilton)
 J. Lowe (Holmesville) W. Erickson (Holmesville)
 L. Bailey (Dudley)

Front Row. W. Spruce (New Lambton) Perce Clements (Wallsend)
 J. Stewart (Adamstown) W. Fulton (Teralba)

South Maitland Representative Squad - 1923



Victoria 0 at Kurri Kurri
New Zealand 0 at Cessnock
New Zealand 1 at Weston
R. Austin, R. Bower, E. Williams,
E. Mason, A. Creighton, J. Avis

(S) J. W. Eair, Ref) R. McNaughton
by J. Gilmour.

Metropolitan, 3-1, on 4th June, 1923



Back Row, P. J. Sheppard (Sec) G. Reay, E. Richardson, J. Proudlock,
P. Dines, J. Carr, A. Partridge, J. Cooper, W. Hughes (L Man)
Front Row, D. McLaren (L Man) J. Scott, J. Woods, A. Cameron,
L. Kaiser, D. Campbell



South Maitland Representative Squad - 1923



23.6.1923 South Maitland 2 v Victoria 0 at Kurri Kurri
 13.7.1923 " " 2 v New Zealand 0 at Cessnock
 2.8.1923 " " 1 v New Zealand 1 at Weston
 Back Row: G. Williams, T. Oliver, R. Austin, R. Bower, E. Williams.
 3rd Row: W. Beanev (Mgr), W. Mathieson, A. Creighton, J. Avis
 G. Kennedy (Trn)
 2nd Row: L. Brown, T. Crawford (Ref), J. W. Earp (Ref), R. McNaughton
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 D. Kaiser, D. Campbell

The Chinese Universities British Association Tour
of Australia 1923.

The Chinese Football Team now touring Australia plays a special match with the South Maitland representative team to help raise funds for the family's of those men killed in the terrible mine disaster at Bellbird.

On September 1923 the day after South Maitland and China had played a 2x2 draw a second match was held at the Abermain Sports ground.

This match was for the raising of funds for the Bellbird Mining Appeal Fund.

A Special thank you was sent to all players and officials from both sides who generously donated £18.19.6 in gate takings to the appeal.

The appeal followed a massive underground explosion on the morning of the 1st September which shook the whole of Bellbird and the surrounding areas. The result was that 21 miners lost their lives.

Those men were. John McLaughlan(Cessnock)

John Graber(Bellbird)George Sneddon(Bellbird)

George Chapman(Cessnock)John Morgan(Bellbird)

Alfred Hynes(Cessnock)Harold Richards(Cessnock)

William Griffen(Cessnock)Phillip Roberts(Bellbird)

John F Lambert(Cessnock)Morris Hyams(Aberdare)

George Robertson Kelly(Cessnock)Charles A Mills(Cessnock)

John Stewart(Bellbird)Gordon Locking(Cessnock)

Alexander Corns(Cessnock)Frederick Moodie(Cessnock)

Malcolm Baillie(Bellbird)William Heartlly(Cessnock)

John R Brown(Mine Manager Aberdare Colliery)

Frederick Fone(Cessnock)

The bodies of the last six men were never recovered because of the dangerous presence of gas and so this section of the mine was sealed for all time.

Press reports indicated that over 25.000 people attended this mass funeral.

The South Maitland players who play on this day of fund raising were

Bobby Austin,Tommy Oliver,Les Brown,P.Mathieson,G.Jones, Jack Gilmour,Roy McNaughton,A.Creighton, Hutton,Crowe, R.Bower,Perce Lennard,J.McCroarey,J.Martin.

It is with regret that we do not have the names of the Chinese team nor the officials of that day.

But we say Thanks very much.

SOCCER FOOTBALL

NEWCASTLE SHOWGROUND

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th 1923

SECOND TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIA v. CHINA

3 P.M.
EARLY GAME (RICHARDSON CUP), STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

3.00 p.m. v. Adamstown A, 1.15 p.m.

Admission to Ground 1/6. Pay at Stiles Children 3d. Admission to Stand, 1/6 extra. We pay tax. Vehicle Entrance, Brown Road, 6d.

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE CORRECT CHANGE.

Vice-Consul of China will arrive at Ground, 3 p.m. per Aeroplane from Sydney.

SPECIAL TRAMS DIRECT TO GROUND.

NEWCASTLE: 11.53 a.m., 12.7 p.m., 12.20, 12.37, 12.43, 12.53, 1.7, 1.21, 1.37, 1.43, 1.48, 1.53, 1.58, 2.5, 2.7, 2.23, 2.37 and 2.43. FROM
OWN, 1.55 p.m. FROM WARATAH, 2.4 p.m. FROM WEST WALLSEND: 10.43 a.m., 10.48, 12.15 p.m., 12.16, 1.18, and 1.48.

F. J. SHEPPARD, Hon. Secretary.

1923 China Tour.

11/8/1923.	New South Wales	3	v	China	3	(Sydney)
15/8	Metropolis	4	v	China	2	
18/8	Australia(1st Test)	5	v	China	1	(Sydney)
22/8	Granville	2	v	China	2	(Clyde)
25/8	Australia(2nd Test)	4	v	China	3	(Newcastle)
29/8	Newcastle	7	v	China	1	(Newcastle)
1/9	South Coast	1	v	China	1	(Wollongong)
3/9	South Maitland	2	v	China	2	(Cessnock)
8/9	Queensland	1	v	China	1	(Brisbane)
12/9	Ipswich	4	v	China	2	(Ipswich)
15/9	Australia(3rd Test)	5	v	China	0	(Brisbane)
19/9	Tamworth	0	v	China	9	(Tamworth)
22/9	Australia(4th Test)	1	v	China	3	(Sydney)
26/9	Metropolis	3	v	China	2	(Harden)
29/9	Australian XI	2	v	China	0	(Melbourne)
3/10	Sth Australia	2	v	China	6	(Adelaide)
5/10	Australia(5th Test)	2	v	China	2	(Adelaide)
9/10	Victoria	1	v	China	3	(Melbourne)
12/10	Tasmania	2	v	China	1	(Hobart)
16/10	South Tasmania	1	v	China	8	(Hobart)
19/10	Tasmania	1	v	China	4	(Launceston)
23/10	North Tasmania	0	v	China	5	(Launceston)
26/10	Victoria	0	v	China	2	(Melbourne)
10/11	South Coast	0	v	China	0	(Woonona)

CHINESE ELEVEN AGAINST N.S.W.



CHEN PAI KAM WING CHAN, LI WAI TONG WONG PAK CHUNG, LEUNG YUK TUNG, WONG SHUI WAI, LEE HO LUNG, LEE HO LUNG, LEE HO LUNG, LEE HO LUNG, LEE HO LUNG, LEE HO LUNG, LEE HO LUNG.



-AD WITH COLLECTOR FROM P O BOX 100, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WONG WILL VISIT TO P O BOX 100, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, 11/19/68.

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The Chinese Universities British Association Team
Tours Australia.

The Chinese Universities team arrived in Australia aboard the Yoshino Maru.

Among those to meet this first ever team from China were Dr Joshua Young Wai, H.M. Numm, Sydney Lowe, G. Chee, C.W. Lee, Otto Kong Sing, T.J. Law and a number of Chinese Ladies.

The touring party comprised the following.

Lau Hunig Cheung, Pang Kam Wing, Wing Pak Chung,, Wang Cheng Shang, Chan So, Wong Shui Wah, Ip Kan Ko, Shan Kuo Chuen, Li Wai Tong, Chang Hoi En, Lam Yuk Ying, Leung Yuk Tong (Capt) Leung Tai Fong, Kwok Po Kan, Mok Hing (Manager) Mr. H.A. Millard (Organiser)

New South Wales 3 v China 3
Sydney Showground 12/8/1923

G. Cartwright (Balmain Fernleigh)

C. Leadbeater (Granville)

R. Critcher (Corrimal)

Les Bailey (Adamstown)

A. Henderson (Granville)

Jack Avis (Capt) Weston

Stan Bourke (Granville)

Perce Lennard (Cessnock)

J. Sherringham (Sydney)

F. Hancock (Balmain Fernleigh)

Frank Mellier-Smith (Sydney)

Referee W.A. Wright

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THE SOCCER NEWS.



F. L. MELLIER-SMITH,
the Brilliant
St. George Left Winger,
who has represented Australia and New South Wales.



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Australia 5 v China 1

1st Test. 18/8/1923 (Sydney)

J. Hamilton (S/Aust)
 J. Cameron (S/Aust)
 T. Oliver (Weston)
 G. Storey (Balmain Fernleigh)
 A. Henderson (Granville)
 H. Spurway (Granville)
 F. J. Stoner (Tasmania)
 P. Lennard (Cessnock)
 J. Masters (Balgownie)
 F. Hancock (Balmain Fernleigh)
 F. Mellier-Smith (Sydney)
 Referee Ern Lukeman

Australia 4 v China 3

2nd Test Newcastle 25/8/1923

G. Cartwright (Balmain Fernleigh)	Lau Hing Cheung
C. Leadbester (Granville)	Ng Kam Cheun
L. Bailey (Adamstown)	Chan So
A. Creighton (Weston)	Leung Yuk Tong
J. Crum (Pymont)	Leung Tai Fong
T. Oliver (Weston)	Wong Shui Wah
F. Hayes (West Wallsend)	Pang Kam Wing
W. Podge "Maunder" (West Wallsend)	Chang Hsi En
J. Masters (Capt) (Balgownie)	Wong Pak Chung
F. Hancock (Balmain Fernleigh)	Li Wai Tong
F. Mellier-Smith (Sydney)	Chan Kwong Iu

Referee Bill Scott.

Reserves D. McLaren/B. Pratten

Bob Austin (Weston)
 J. Crum (Pymont)
 F. Hayes (West Wallsend)
 J. Gilmour (Weston)
 H. Maunder (West Wallsend)

Would you please note
 the first name of the
 Chinese Players is the
 Surname.

◎南華足球隊

南華足球隊十七人。於八月六日早

。由吉野丸到雪梨埠。其姓名如左

莫慶 (錦隊 香山人)	梁玉堂 番禺人
王振聲 北京人	張錫恩 北京人
申國權 上海人	黃瑞華 新會人
郭寶根 番禺人	林玉英 新安人
陳光耀 番禺人	李惠堂 五華人
黃柏松 惠陽人	葉九泉 台山人
彭錦榮 惠陽人	梁樣芳 番禺人
陳蘇聯 德人	吳錦泉 寶安人
劉慶 廣東人	

THE CHINESE TEAM IN CHINESE
 CHARACTERS



At Newcastle 2nd Test
Australia v China
25/8/1923
Judy Masters(Capt) Leung Yuk Tong(Capt)



International Soccer
SECOND TEST MATCH

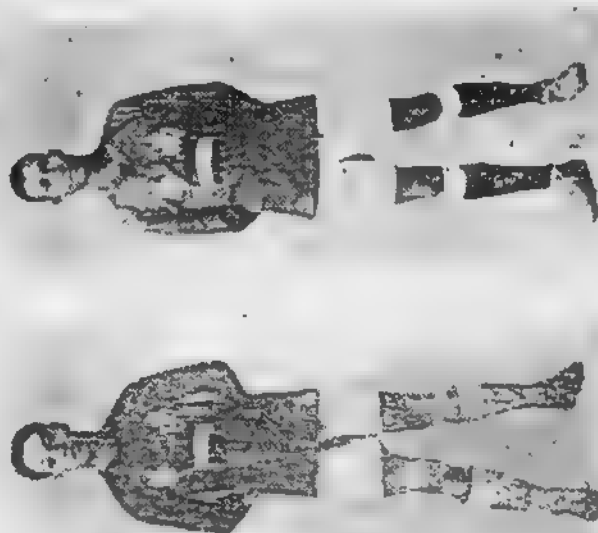
Australia
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China



At Showground, Newcastle N.S.W.
SAT., 25th AUGUST, 1923
3.15 P.M.

Early Match (Richardson Cup)
STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Adamstown A v. Boolaroo

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 3d.



Leung Yuk Tang (Capt.) Wong Pak Chong (V. Capt.)

ADAMSTOWN v. BOOLAROO

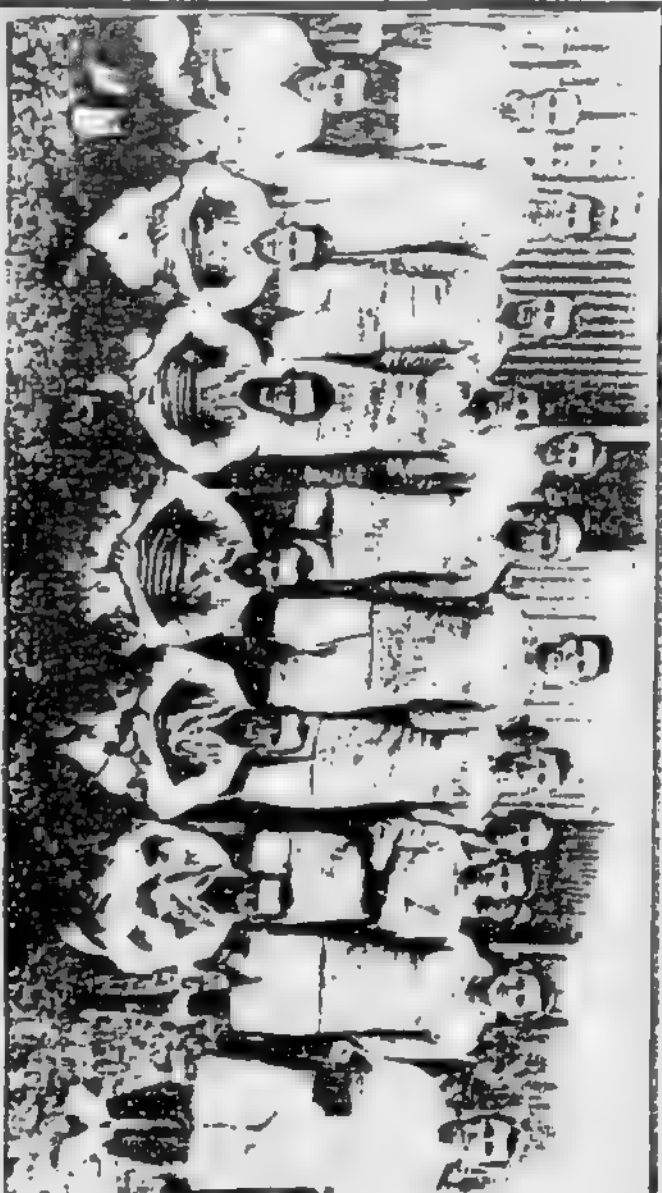
BOOLAROO (Blue and Gold)

Goal H. Hitchcock; Full Backs (1) G. Oughton, (2) C. Roy; Half Backs (3) W. McBlane, (4) M. Jones, (5) W. Sherwood; Forwards (6) L. Gardiner, (7) T. Kelly, (8) W. Jones, (9) J. Wilson, (10) M. Frith; Emergencies H. Owen, A. Gardiner.

ADAMSTOWN (Red and Green)

Goal, R. Hunter; Full Backs, (1) A. Harris, (2) A. Bow; Half Backs (3) W. McBlane, (4) G. Turabull, (5) J. Bush; Forwards (6) A. Harris, (7) J. Enbleton, (8) G. Russell, (9) H. Middleton, (10) H. Dent; Emergencies J. Dunne, H. Sessions.

Referee: Mr A. Sanderson



Second Test Australia V China (Newcastle 25.8.1923.
 Standing. J. Ruggiero (Trn) G. Storey. C. Leadbeater. L. Hailey
 H. Cartwright. A. Creighton. J. Crum. W. Oliver. P. Hayes.
 W. Maunder. W. Stott (Ref)
 Sitting. J. Sanderson (Lines) S. Bourke. P. Lennard.
 J. Masters (Capt) P. Hancock. P. L. Mellier. Smith.

1923

Newcastle Districts	7 v China	1
J. Coutts(West Wallsend)		
H. Maunder(West Wallsend)		
F. Hayes(West Wallsend)		
L. Bailey(Adamstown)		
A. Lambert(Adamstown)		
E. Owen(Wallsend)		
T. Coates(West Wallsend)		
H. Muir(West Wallsend)		
D. McLaughlin(West Wallsend)		
W. Maunder(West Wallsend)		
R. Urwin(Wallsend)		

South Maitland	0 v China	1
R. Austin(Weston)		
T. Oliver(Weston)		
G. Jones(Neath)		
J. Mathieson(Cessnock)		
J. Martin(Kurri Kurri)		
R. Bower(Kurri Kurri)		
R. McNaughton(Cessnock)		
J. Gilmour(Weston)		
J. McCroskey(Weston)		
P. Lennard(Cessnock)		
L. Brown(Cessnock)		

Sydney Metropolis	4 v China	2
G. Cartwright(Balmain Fernleigh)		
J. Crum(Balmain Fernleigh)		
S. Anderson(Pymont)		
J. Fisher(Balmain Fernleigh)		
A. Henderson(Granville)		
C. Timms((Pymont)		
S. Bourke(Granville)		
A. Phillips(Balmain Fernleigh)		
H. J. Sherringham(Sydney)		
F. Hancock(Balmain Fernleigh)		
F. Mellier-Smith(Sydney)		

Metropolitan also played China at Harden defeating China 3x2.

Would you please note that the first time 3 balls were used in Australia was the 1st Test Australia v China on the 18/8/1923.

Of course, this idea would not be acceptable to the Manager of the English Professional team that would tour Australia in 1925.

1923

South Coast

1 v China

1

Wollongong 1/9/1923

Boyle
 Hunter
 Johnston
 A. Jones
 Cheney
 E. Jarrett
 D. Ward
 J. Masters (Capt)
 C. Jones
 T. Thompson
 Muir

Australia

5 v China

0

3rd Test

Brisbane 15/9/1923

J. Hamilton (S. Aust)
 C. Leadbester (Granville)
 G. Harris (Q)
 J. Love (Q)
 A. Henderson (Granville)
 H. Spurway (Granville)
 S. Bourke (Granville)
 P. Lennard (Cessnock)
 J. Masters (Balgownie) (Capt)
 J. Gilmour (Weston)
 J. Robertson (Q)
 Reserves
 Miller (Q)
 McBride (Q)
 A. Gibb (Q)
 Edwards (Q)
 T. Hainsworth (Q)

Australia

1 v China

3

4th Test

Sydney 22/9/1923

G. Cartwright (Balmain Fernleigh)
 J. Crum (Pymont)
 G. Harris (Q)
 J. Fisher (Sydney)
 A. Henderson (Granville)
 H. Spurway (Granville)
 S. Bourke (Granville)
 P. Lennard (Cessnock)
 J. Masters (Capt) (Balgownie)
 F. Mellier-Smith (Sydney)
 J. Robertson (Q)

Referee J. Lester.



ON REFLECTION
with JACK MATHEWS

Tramway ground was home of northern soccer

JACK Mathews is ill in Ward 1 at Royal Newcastle Hospital.

IN its 82 years of progress soccer in the North has had a number of boom periods of comparatively limited duration.

One was in the 1920s and was, perhaps, more significant than those which preceded it since it gave a solidity of public support previously lacking in numbers, if not in enthusiasm.

It was the welcome and important but, unfortunately, short-lived era of the Tramway Ground in Hamilton.

The ground, leased on a short term basis and renewed each year from the Department of Public Transport was situated in an area facing Denison St and bounded on its Western length by Leeson St and in the south by Everton St.

It was ideal in every respect to assist in Soccer's march to popularity. It had a playing surface that improved week by week and which could be used only hours after the heaviest rain. But, most of all, it was splendidly situated for its purpose.

It was coveted by the Northern District British Football Association, the controlling body of the time, that the most important feature of each round should be allocated to the Tramway Ground.

That was a wise decision since it meant that, on each Saturday afternoon, the game's best offering was displayed in the best possible setting.

Attendances grew Saturday by Saturday and was as regularly increased by the many 'outsiders' — those people without any form of club affiliation who attended the 'Tramway' regardless of which

team played. Indeed, many did not know — or care. Thus I know to this day since my mother and father were part of a group at the ground every Saturday rain, hail or shine. It was not until it was discovered, purely by chance, that one of the star players was the stable lad of some years before at a racing establishment opposite our home in Hubbard St. (Sington, whom mother often-led because she claimed he seemed so poorly, that they identified themselves with a team.

Poorly or not, the stable lad survived to become one of the finest outside-lefts in the game in this country. His name? G. McLaughlin, of West Wallsend.

After the glad reunion, there was only one team for my parents and their group. It was 'Vesty', first and last.

The first match of the 1920 season at the Tramway Ground was between the Adamstown Ronobuds and Hamilton team, with the renowned and retund Mr W. Stott as referee. The teams were:

HAMILTON: Daniels, Robson, Williams, Hall, Wood, Barr, Thompson, Fred Watson, 'Yah' Sneddon, Hancock, Woods.

RONOBUDS: A. Smith, Davies, Gregg, Wilson, Lambert, Pollard, Patterson, Johns, F. Hayes, Doyle, McAllister.

Adamstown won two goals (Johns, Hayes) to one (Sneddon). The gate for the match was £172.

It was £237 for the premiership final at the other end of the season, in which West Wallsend's Bluebells defeated Adamstown's Ronobuds, three goals to two.

The popularity of the Tramway Ground had increased considerably by the start of the 1921

1923

Player Register for season

Adamstown.

A. Smith, D. Williams, W. Stewart, P. Doyle, A. Lambert, L. Bailey,
A. Cameron, J. Stewart, J. Bush, Thompson, J. Beddow, D. Bush,
D. McAllister, R. Wilson, H. Johns.

Cwssnock

F. Jones, W. Thomson, G. Williams, T. Durie, R. Lidbury, G. Rowe,
E. Williams, P. Lennard, E. See, J. Hannah, E. Hodge, J. Mathieson,
R. Lennard, L. Brown, Maloney, Wells, Rennix, R. McNaughton,
J. Stewart.

Kurri Kurri

N. Martin, R. Bower, T. O'Brien, R. Henderson, A. Henderson, J. Martin,
W. Ashcroft, B. Watson, G. Willetts, S. Wells, W. Orchard, J. Buchan,
N. Price, J. McRae, Morton, W. Watson, F. Wilson, A. Tinlin, J. Laird,
T. McNabb

Mayfield United

G. Oaten, A. Oaten, Oaten, Morgan, McBeath, W. Hetherington,
Britten, Baggs, Morris, Davidson, Hall, W. Thomas, C. Williams,
G. Allen, J. Gill, W. Gill, A. Edwards, Gazzard, Foster, E. Wright,
G. Bucklow, H. Butcher, E. Brown.

Newcastle-Hamilton

White, Murray, A. Wendt, F. Wendt, Kellest, J. Sneddon, Davidson,
A. Martin, Bush, A. Frew, C. Scott, McKenzie, Etheridge, Bott,
Davis, Middleton, F. Allan, Morgan, J. Frew, Mullins, Power.

Neath

M. Starbeck, W. Stoker, G. Jones, W. Hughes, W. Baldwin, Barker,
M. Roddom, J. Drinkwater, Hunter, J. Endean, F. Pockett, Campbell,
G. Hancock, A. Hinchcliffe, G. Shippen, Jack Wilkinson, Morris
T. Shakespeare.

Wallsend

Wal Rushton, Dan Rees, Eric Urwin, Rags Urwin, W. Scott, G. Bower,
J. Gilmour, J. Johnstone, Ernie Owen, Yargo Roy, W. Craig,
E. Walker, P. Davidson, F. Wills, W. Wells, W. Gibson.

Weston

Bobby Austin, Tommy Oliver, J. Penman, Jack Avis, A. Creighton
J. Liddle, Dick Austin, Jack Gilmour, J. Bates, A. Lloyd,
J. McCroarey, W. Derricott, Rodgers, J. Gallagher, H. Adams, J. Grant,
J. Mather, G. Richardson, T. Kelly, W. Gibson

West Wallsend

Jack Coutts, R. Craig, J. Pickhard, Clarrie Coutts, H. James, G. Ross,
J. Shields, W. Drysdale, Tommy Coates, Tommy Sinclair, F. Hayes,
Les Brown, J. Hodge, S. Woods, W. Smith, Frank Coolahan, H. Muir,
Henry Maunder, William "Podge" Maunder, Di McLaughlin, J. Muir
Dick Sneddon, J. Hancock.

Newcastle team vs Sydney - 1923



Back Row. A.A. Stirling (Pres) J. Sanderson (Ref)
 C. Kempser (Hamilton) J. Parson (New Lambton)
 Joe Wardle (Wallsend) Pattison (Holmesville)
 M. Jones (Broadmeadow) Davidson (Wallsend)
 Oughton (Broadmeadow) R. Skillings (Treas)
 H.H. Winley (V. Pres)
 Front Row. Hunold (Dudley) Connelly (Wallsend)
 W. Erickson (Holmesville) R. Paddock (Holmesville)
 E. Spruce (New Lambton)

Northern District British Football Association.

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Delegates to N.S.W. Assn:

L. B. TAMLYN.

1923

N. D. B. F. A.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Gentlemen,—

It is with pleasure that your Executive desires to submit for your consideration and adoption the Annual Report for Season 1923.

In doing so, we desire to thank the Delegates to the Council meetings, also the Committees, for their loyal support during the year.

PROGRESS.

The progress that has marked the previous seasons was again in evidence during Season 1923. 60,847 persons paid for admission into Association Grounds, which is proof that the "game" is growing in the public favour.

COMPETITIONS.

An increase in the number of teams entered in the various Grades was again noted, seventy teams taking part, with a registered membership of 1,386 players. District football was the system adopted, and met with general satisfaction.

In the Senior Grade, nine teams entered—Adamstown, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Mayfield United, Neath, Newcastle-Hamilton, Wallsend, West Wallsend and Weston.

Neath was a new team from the Maitland area, Newcastle-Hamilton being last year's Newcastle City team. The remaining teams were in existence last season.

The Ellis Cup Premiership was again won by Wallsend, who finished one point ahead of Adamstown, and for the second year in succession became Senior Premiers.

The Senior Trophies were won by Weston, who defeated Adamstown in the final.

The Second Grade Competition attracted six teams—Adamstown, Killingworth, Mayfield, Newcastle-Hamilton, Wallsend and West Wallsend.

Killingworth won the Middleton Cup, and for the second year became Senior Grade Premiers.

West Wallsend, by defeating Killingworth, secured the trophies.

A (Third) Grade Competition drew ten teams. Holmesville secured the Premiership and Lyall Cup, whilst New Lambton retained the trophies by defeating Boolaroo in the final, after playing a two all draw.

In the Fourth Grade Competition, eighteen teams entered, and were divided into two divisions. Premiers of each division to receive a Cup, and the two leading teams in each division to play a Knock Out Semi-Final and Final.

Adamstown Rosebuds were the "A" Division Premiers, and received the Scott's Cup. Newcastle-Hamilton were "B" Division Premiers, and received the Bryant Cup. Adamstown Rosebuds, by defeating Terahin in the final, received the trophies.

B Grade (under 18).—Fourteen teams competed. West Wallsend, who had an undefeated record, won the new Wills Cup, and later won the trophies by defeating Adamstown in the final, thus winning the Premiership and Medals.

C Grade (under 16).—Thirteen teams entered. Adamstown secured the Premiership, and thus received the Howard Cup, whilst Merewether were victorious over Adamstown in the trophy final, and thus secured the medals.

SCHOOLS.

The Schools' Soccer Competition was again conducted and three grades were played; Mr. McDonald being the Hon. Secretary. The District was divided into two divisions as in the previous year: thirty-two teams taking part. Adamstown were successful in winning the A grade Cup and Trophies for the second year in succession; Plattsburg were successful in the B Grade, and West Wallsend succeeding in winning the C Grade.

The Queensland Schoolboys played a selected Schools Eleven on the Tramway Ground, and the visitors were victorious by three goals to one.

Inter-district School games were played. Two Metropolitan teams, A and B Grade, visited Newcastle and opposed the local Schools' best. The A Grade was won by Newcastle—three goals to two, and the Met's won the B Grade—two goals to one.

Every assistance has been freely given by the parent body to foster the code throughout the Schools of the district, and the Secretary of the Schools' Association has forwarded to the N.D.B.F.A. the thanks and appreciation of the Teachers and Scholars for the assistance rendered to the Schools' Association.

Financial assistance has been given towards entertaining visiting teams.

Grounds have been found for School Matches and three sets of trophies were awarded to the winning teams by the N.D.B.F.A.

MARIST BROS.

The Marist Bros. School conducted a colour Soccer Competition. Six teams competed. The Reds were successful in winning the Mick Simmons' Cup, the Blue and Gold winning the trophies. Both cup and trophies were donated by the parent Association.

Bro. Camillus, who carried out the Secretarial duties, was a keen Soccer enthusiast, and his interest in the code was of valuable assistance to the competition.

The thanks of the Marist Bros. School was accorded the N.D.B.F.A. for the assistance rendered during the year.

KERR CUP (Northern Championship)

This Competition was confined to Northern teams only, nine entries being received. Cessnock were successful in winning the Kerr Cup and trophies, defeating Wallsend in the final.

Good football was produced during this Competition.

GARDINER CUP (State Championship).

New South Wales again controlled this event. Large entries were received. Eight teams from the North entered. West Wallsend won the Cup and Trophies, defeating Sydney after two drawn games had been played.

RICHARDSON CUP (State Junior Championship).

Sixteen teams from Newcastle entered for this event. Two teams reached the semi-final. New Lambton won their way into the final by defeating Boolaroo, but were defeated by Cessnock in the final.

INTER-DOMINION, INTER-STATE and INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

During the season a New Zealand combination visited Newcastle and opposed a selected Newcastle Eleven on the Tramway Ground, Newcastle winning two goals to nil.

The Seniors from the Maitland area also defeated New Zealand, one goal to nil, at Cessnock Ground.

The Victorian Representatives were defeated by Newcastle's selected at Tramway Ground. The Maitland Senior Representatives also defeated the Victorians at Kurri Ground.

Chinese Matches.—The Chinese Touring Team were defeated by Newcastle's selected eleven; also by Maitland's selected.

TEST MATCHES.

The first Soccer Test Match played in Newcastle took place on Newcastle Show Ground on June 30th, when Australia was defeated by New Zealand four goals to one.

In the Test Match Australia v. China, which was also played on the Show Ground, Australia was victorious by four goals to three. The attendance at this match was a record for any football match played in Newcastle.

INTER-DISTRICT JUNIOR GAMES.

Inter-District Junior games were played both in Newcastle and Sydney. Metropolitan Juniors A and B grade teams were defeated in Newcastle by the local selected eleven, and Newcastle again defeated Mels. at Primrose Park. Treasurer R. J. Skillings was manager of teams that visited Sydney.

GROUND.

The Tramway Ground was again the chief official playing ground, and was in use for the full season.

Newcastle Show Ground was procured on three occasions, while Young Wallsend and Weston were also utilised for Association games.

The Tramway Ground, on account of the dry season, cut up badly but improvements have been made during the summer months whereby the Tramway playing area will rank among the best in the district. Over 260 tons of best soil has been put on the playing area. The turf has made good growth, and when the season commences the ground will be in good playing order. The final payment on the stand has been made, and it is now free of debt.

Young Wallsend ground has also been paid off, and a 7ft. hardwood fence has been erected around the ground.

Weston.—During the season Weston ground was officially used on a number of occasions, and the Association appreciates the generosity of the Weston Club in allowing the Association the use of the ground.

New Ground.—Every endeavour has been made to procure a ground of our own, but up to the present our efforts have not met with success.

REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

The Referees' Association, under the leadership of Mr. H. Winley (President), J. Durie (Secretary), and W. Kidd (Treasurer), has rendered valuable assistance. With the advancement of the code a larger membership of this branch of the Association is required to efficiently control all matches.

FINANCE.

The receipts for the year—which we regard as magnificent—total £1031/1/1, gross receipts being £4231/11/-, an increase over last year in gross money of £1886/14/1. The expenditure totals £4294 4/-, leaving a credit balance of £546/17/3, the principal items of expenditure being £299 10/- off stand, £307/5/- fencing Young Wallsend, £102/15/- advertising, £206/11/6 rent, £160/6/6 medals, £310/5/8 taxation, £420/18/9 percentages and allowances to clubs, £228/14/1 was paid to N.S.W. Association, and £298/1/1 to Australian Tour Ltd.; improvements to ground cost £124/14/6.

The Auditor, Magnus Cromarty, Esq., estimates the Association's assets at £2,574 13s 9d, being £740 4s 3d increase on last year. The amount of £228 16s 10d was paid to Clubs as percentages—Senior Clubs receiving £171 18s 4d, Junior Clubs receiving £54 18s 6d. These amounts are exclusive of Travelling Allowance, which amounts to £191 1s 1d.

The percentages to Clubs has proved to be of valuable assistance to Clubs (especially those Clubs who were unable to take a gate), and it is worthy of note that the Junior Clubs have benefited to a great extent.

MANAGEMENT.

During the early part of the year your Management underwent a number of changes—Mr Bloomfield resigning Presidency, succeeded by Mr Tamiyn, who resigned, Mr Howard being elected. He also resigned and Mr A. A. Stirling was elected and has continued in office. Messrs. J. Kidd and J. Dodds also resigned and were supplanted by Messrs R. R. Smith and J. Durie. During the year 23 Ordinary and 9 Special Meetings were held, the attendances being as follows:—A. A. Stirling (President) 35; R. J. Skillings (Treasurer) 41; P. J. Sheppard (Secretary) 47; S. Bush, 43; R. Smith, 35; W. Hyslop, 31; J. Durie, 32; H. Winley, 23; J. Kidd, 9; J. Dodds, 8; S. Howard, 6; J. H. Bloomfield, 3; L. B. Tamiyn, 3.

1924 Season

Patron.H.J.Connell(MLA)
President.A.A.Stirling
Vice President.W.Stott
Secretary.P.J.Shepperd
Assist Secretary..A.Jack.
Treasurer.R.J.Skillings.

Management Committee.

J.Mills,S.Bush,A.Stewart,J.Durie,

Entries for the 1924 season.

Senior Teams.

Adamstown,Cessnock,Kurri Kurri,Mayfield United,
Neath,New Lambton,Wallsend Rovers,West Wallsend,Weston.

3rd Grade

Adamstown,Barnsley,Boolaroo,Dudley,Holmesville,Minmi,
Killingsworth,Islington,Mayfield United,New Lambton.
Merewether Advance,Wallsend Rovers,West Wallsend,
Young Wallsend,Teralba.

4th Grade

Awaba,Barnsley,Boolaroo,Broadmeadow,Adamstown,Cardiff,
Hamilton,Jesmond,New Lambton,Teralba,Catherine Hill Bay.
Wallsend Rovers,Fernleigh,Holmesville,Wakefield,Rhondda,
Swansea,Wallsend Mazeppas.

Newcastle Registered Referee's

J.Sanderson,J.Durie,W.Shipp.Charlie Nix,J.Filby,J.Hughes,
Bede Pratten,S.Smith,A.Jack,J.Gill,A.Wright,H.Williams
W.Middleton,J.Biddlecomb,A.Bucklow,Joe Bartley,John Bartley,
W.Kidd,G.Broadbent,D.McLaren,F.Watson,S.Broadbent,
R.Roberts,A.Rizzolli,P.Shepperd,B.Lane,.

South Maitland Entries

2nd Grade

Abermain,Cessnock,Kurri Kurri,Kearsley,Neath,Weston.

3rd Grade

Abermain,Bellbird,Cessnock West End,Kurri Kurri,
Sawyers Gully.

4th Grade

Aberdare,Cessnock,Kurri Kurri,Cessnock West End,
North End,Kearsley,Greta,Maitland,Mulbring,Sawyers Gully.

South Maitland Registered Referee's

Endean,Halliday,Earp,Stewart,Crawford,F.Jennings,Field,
Hicks,Robertson,Shaw,Victor.

1924

Player Register

Adamstown

A. Smith, Elgey, Hunter, J. Beddow, W. Stewart, A. Lambert,
L. Bailey, P. Doyle, J. Stewart, G. Coates, A. Dunne, H. Johns,
G. "Massa" Russell, Alec Cameron, J. Bush, E. Gilbert.

Cessnock

J. Hannah, G. Williams, W. Thomson, H. Wilson, G. Slarks, G. Rowe,
E. Williams, P. Lennard, J. Murdock, G. Williams, R. McNaughton
T. Durie, J. Harden, E. See, E. Hodge.

Kurri Kurri

G. Goodwin, Martin, R. Bower, G. Jones, F. Wilson, A. Tinlin
J. Laird, A. Phillips, W. Foley, N. Price, S. Wells, J. McRae,
Simons, T. McNabb, W. Bennett, G. Willetts, *Slarks, Ad*

Mayfield United

Shene, Wilkinson, Davidson, Baggs, Merrion, Norris, W. Gill,
A. Frew, Martin, Brown, F. Oaten, Tolhurst, McBeath, Davis, J. Gill.

New Lambton

J. Arthur, P. Jordan, G. Oughton, Lovell, Parsons, J. Martin,
A. Wendt, D. Morgan, B. Morgan, Lewis, Thorpe, Blair, J. Stewart
V. Turnbull, G. Turnbull, E. Bow, H. Winley, Boundy, McAllister

Neath

Merv Sternbeck, G. Rennix, Juno, Baldwin, Bates, Sherrick,
F. Pockett, J. Drinkwater, Hancock, Hume, Jack Shakespeare,
Roddon, Strang, Strang, Hartley, Stoker, Hughes.

Wallsend

G. Bower, R. Hughes, Eric Urwin, Rags Urwin, Keith Urwin,
Fred Scott, Perce Moore, Ernie Owen, W. Craig, P. Davidson
Danny Rees, Jimmy Johnstone, F. Wills, Bob Lidbury,
Drysedale, W. Gibson, Druery.

West Wallsend

Jack Coutts, H. James, Henry Maunder, Frank Coolahan
Clarrie Coutts, W. Smith, H. Muir, Les Brown, Frank Hayes,
W. Erickson, William "Podge" Maunder, Tommy Sinclair,
Tommy Coates, G. Ross, Di McLaughlin.

Weston

Bobby Austin, Tommy Oliver, J. Grant, A. Liddle, A. Mathieson
J. Farrey, Tate, J. McCroarey, Jack Gilmour, Jack Avis,
Richardson, A. Lambert, W. Donald, Gallagher.

1924

New South Wales	3 v Queensland	2
	Sydney	

E. Aitchison(Granville)
J. Coombie(Granville)
Henry Maunder(West Wallsend)
W. Johnston(Balgownie)
J. Mitchell(South Coast)
Jimmy Johnstone(Wallsend)
J. Burns(Sydney)
D. Ward(Balgownie)
E. Williams(1) Cessnock
J. Gilmour(2) Weston
F. Ramsay(Granville)

South Coast
V. Williams(2)

2 v Queensland	2
Koroff(1)	
Bright(1)	

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Goal:		Goal:	
R. AUSTIN (Weston)		H. MOSHER	
Right Back:		Full Back:	
T. OLIVER (Weston)		G. ANDERSON, M. McLEAN.	
Left Back:		Half Backs	
WILLIAMS (Cessnock)		G. DIERSON, R. HARLEY	
Half Backs:		R. STOBART.	
R. DURIE (Cessnock), STARKS (Cessnock), BOWER (Kurni)		Forwards:	
Forwards:		G. FORREST, W. LINNING, J.	
G. WILLIAMS (Cessnock), FOLEY (Kurni), McGROARY (Weston), GIL- MORE (Weston), McNAUGHTON (Cessnock).		WILSON, J. HOOD, F. BOWMAN.	
Reserves:			
Goal, JONES (Kearley); Half-Back: WILSON (Kurni), AVIS (Weston); Forwards: DRINKWATER (Neath).			
Referee: N. SHAW.		Umpires: G. ENDEAN, J. JENNINGS	

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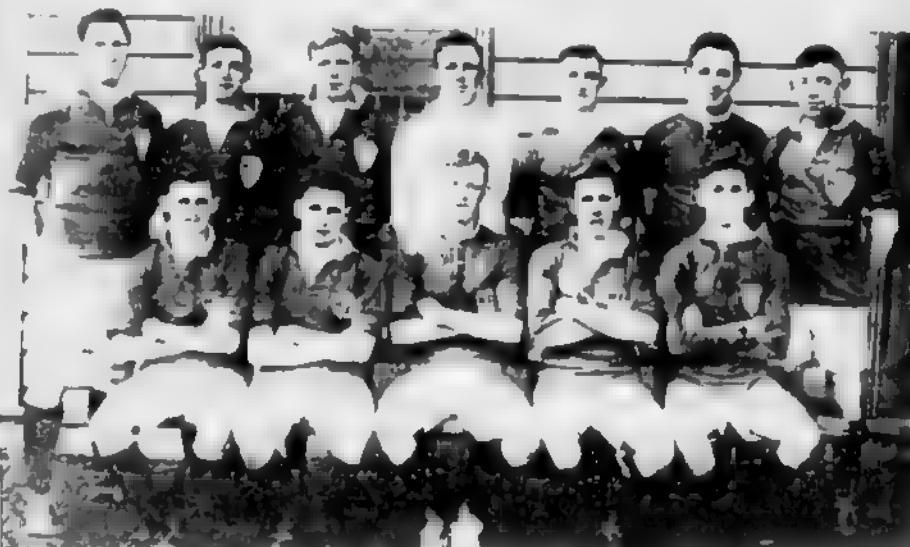
1924 Bin Cup	Adamstown	Cessnock	Kurri Kurri	Mayfield	Neath	New Lambton	Wallsend	Weston	West Wallsend
Adamstown	X	2-0, 0-0	2-1, 1-2	4-0, W/F	3-1, 1-0	5-2, 1-2	0-0, 0-1	3-2, 5-4	0-3, 0-1
Cessnock	0-2, 0-0	X	2-0, 1-0	5-1, 5-1	1-1, 2-1	4-1, 2-0	3-0, 2-2	0-1, 3-2	3-2, 1-0
Kurri Kurri	1-2, 2-1	0-2, 0-1	X	1-3, W/F	4-2, 0-2	2-0, 6-1	1-2, 1-3	2-1, 3-2	1-2, 2-3
Mayfield	0-4, L/F	1-5, 1-5	3-1, L/F	X	2-1, 0-4	0-1, 1-2	0-2, L/F	2-6, L/F	1-25, L/F
Neath	1-3, 0-1	1-1, 1-2	2-4, 2-0	1-2, 4-0	X	0-0, 0-0	1-2, 0-0	1-3, 1-1	0-4, 0-3
New Lambton	2-5, 2-1	1-4, 0-2	0-2, 1-6	1-0, 2-1	0-0, 0-0	X	0-2, 2-2	5-2, 0-1	1-3, 0-2
Wallsend	0-0, 1-0	0-3, 2-2	2-1, 3-1	2-0, W/F	2-1, 0-0	2-0, 2-2	X	6-4, 3-2	1-1, 1-0
Weston	2-3, 4-5	1-0, 2-3	1-2, 2-3	6-2, W/F	3-1, 1-1	2-5, 1-0	4-6, 2-3	X	2-1, 0-3
West Wallsend	3-0, 1-0	2-3, 0-1	2-1, 3-2	25-1, W/F	4-0, 3-0	3-1, 2-0	1-1, 0-1	1-2, 3-0	

The Point score read.

Wallsend(25)Cessnock(25)West Wallsend(23)Adamstown(20)
Kurri Kurri(14)Weston(13)New Lambton(11)Neath(9)
Mayfield(4)

Play Off For Final (Premiership

Wallsend	2 v Cessnock	1
G.Bower	J.Hannah	
Eric Urwin	G.Williams	
Rags Urwin	W.Thomson	
W.Scott	H.Wilson	
P.Moore	G.Starkes	
Ernie Owen	D.Harden	
W.Craig	E.Williams	
P.Davidson	Perce Lennard	
Dan Rees	J.Murdock	
Jimmy Johnstone	C.Williams	
W.Wills	Roy McNaughton	



W Wallsend Premiers. Back Row. P.Moore, K.Urwin, J.Gilmour.
G G.Bower, R.Urwin, W.Craig, J. Johnstone.
F Front Row. E.Urwin, E.Owen, D.Rees, W.Scott, P.Davidson.
A Absent. W.Wills.

1924

The First Semi Final at the Tramway Ground on the 18th October saw

Cessnock	0 v Wallsend	0
J.Hannah	Bower	
G.Williams	Rags Urwin	
W.Thomson	Dan Rees	
G.Rowe	Ernie Owen	
G.Slarkes	Perce Moore	
H.Wilson	Jimmy Johnstone	
E.Williams	Keith Urwin	
P.Lennard	Eric Urwin	
C.Williams	W.Scott	
A.Thomson	P.Davidson	
R.McNaughton	F.W.Wills	
	Referee J.Nicholson	

Replay

Wallsend	2 v Cessnock	1
Bower	J.Hannah	
Dan Rees	G.Williams	
Ernie Owen	W.Thomson	
Perce Moore	G.Rowe	
Jimmy Johnstone	G.Slarkes	
Keith Urwin	H.Wilson	
W.Scott(2)	E.Williams	
P.Davidson	P.Lennard	
Eric Urwin	E.Hodge(1)	
Rags Urwin	A.Thomson	
W.Craig	R.McNaughton	
	Referee J.Nicholson	

The second Semi Final Tramway Ground

West Wallsend	2 v Adamstown	1
Jack Coutts	A.Smith	
H.James	J.Beddow	
Henry Maunder	W.Stewart	
Frank Coolahan(1)	L.Bailey	
Clarrie Coutts	Art Lambert	
W.Smith	Peter Doyle	
Les Brown	Alec Cameron	
W.Erickson	I.Bush	
W"Podge"Maunders	n"Massa"Russell	
Tommy Sinclair	sh(1)	
Di McLaughlin	nne	



W. MAUNDERS
Newcastle's Champion

1924

Final at the Tramway Ground
8th November

West Wallsend	1 v Wallsend	1
Jack Coutts	Bower	
Henry Maunder	Rags Urwin	
H. James	Danny Rees	
Frank Coolahan	Ernie Owen	
W. Smith	Perce Moore	
Clarrie Coutts	Jimmy Johnstone	
Frank Hayes	Keith Urwin	
H. Muir	Eric Urwin	
W. "Podge" Maunder(1)	W. Scott	
W. Erickson	P. Davidson	
Di McLaughlin	W. Craig(1)	
Les Brown		
Tommy Sinclair		

Referee Charlie Nix(Adamstown)

Replay

West Wallsend	3 v Wallsend	1
Jack Coutts	Bower	
Henry Maunder	Rags Urwin	
H. James	Danny Rees	
Frank Coolahan	Ernie Owen	
W. Smith	Perce Moore	
Clarrie Coutts(1)	Jimmy Johnstone	
Frank Hayes	Keith Urwin	
H. Muir	Eric Urwin	
W. "Podge" Maunder(1)	W. Scott	
L. Brown(1)	P. Davidson	
Di McLaughlin	W. Craig(1)	

Referee A.E. Court(Sydney)

**It is interesting to note that in a Premiership match on the 16th August West Wallsend defeated Mayfield 25x1 (25 goals to 1)

The scorers for Westy. were

H. Muir(6) Tommy Sinclair(5) Podge Maunder(4)
W. Erickson(4) Di McLaughlin(2) Les Brown(1) Frank Hayes(1)
Frank Coolahan(1) H. James(1)

Mayfield goal was scored by W. Gill.

1924 Season

Kerr Cup

Semi. Final		
West Wallsend	2 v Cessnock	0
Semi Final		
Adamstown	4 v Weston	0
Final Kerr Cup.		
West Wallsend	3 v Adamstown	1
Jack Coutts	A. Smith	
H. Muir	J. Beddow	
Henry Maunder	W. Stewart	
Frank Coolahan	L. Bailey	
Clarrie Coutts	Art Lambert	
W. Smith	Peter Doyle	
G. Ross	Alec Cameron	
Les Brown	J. Bush	
W. Podge Maunder(2)	G. Massa Russell(1)	
W. Erickson	E. Bush	
Di McLaughlin(1)	A. Dunne	
Referee A.E. Court(Sydney)		

Stevenson Cup Final

On the Coalfields, there was a major upset in the final of this season's Stevenson Cup. Second division Kearsley defeated it's near neighbour Neath 3x1 in the final.

Newcastle Referee's

At this stage the number of certificated Referee's in Newcastle was 41.

South Maitland Referee's

On the Coalfields the number of registered referee's total was 22.

Northern District v Queensland 21/6/1924

Newcastle	3 v Queensland	0
Jack Coutts(West Wallsend)	A. Bryant	
A. Bower(Kurri Kurri)	A. Burns	
Henry Maunder(West Wallsend)	E. Rigby	
Ernie Owen(Wallsend)	J. Williams	
G. Rowe(Cessnock)	C. Shenton	
G. Coates(Adamstown)	E. Nunn	
A. Phillips(Kurri Kurri)	W. Mitchell	
Peter Doyle(Adamstown)	E. Rumble	
W. Podge Maunder(West Wallsend)	E. Bright	
Les Brown(West Wallsend)	J. Stevenson	
Di McLaughlin(West Wallsend)	A. Williams	
Dan Rees(Wallsend)	Referee Bill Stott	

Newcastle 9 v Special Service Squadron 2

Joamway Ground Hamilton 16/4/1924

I. Jordan (New Lambton)	Parsons (HMS HOOD)
J. Oliver (Weston)	Burke " "
H. Maunders (West Wallsend)	Cope (HMS REPULSE)
Ken Owen (Wallsend)	Sellen " "
Art Lambert (Adamstown)	Benson " "
P. Doyle (Adamstown)	Andrews (HMS HOOD)
A. "Butchy" Phillips (Kurri Kurri)	Grosbie " "
W. "Podgi" Maunders (6) West Wallsend)	Cox " "
J. Gilman (2) Weston)	Roberts (HMS REPULSE) (1)
Di Mc Laughlin (1) West Wallsend)	Mills " " (1)
T. COATES (West Wallsend)	Skinner (HMS HOOD)

Reserves:

Stewart (Adamstown)

Les Brown (West Wallsend)

Referee Bill Stott

Charlie Nix - Bede Pratten

** Please note that Podgi Maunders scored a double hat trick.

Newcastle 9 v Special Service Squadron 2

Tramway Ground Hamilton 16/4/1924

Jordan (New Lambton)	Parsons (HMS HOOD)
J Oliver (Weston)	Burke " "
H. Maunders (West Wallasey)	Cope (HMS REPULSE)
Ken Owen (Wallasey)	Sellen " "
Art Lambert (Adamstown)	Benson " "
P. Doyle (Adamstown)	Andrews (HMS HOOD)
A "Dutchy" Phillips (Kauri Kauri)	Garside " "
W "Podgy" Maunders (6) West Wallasey	Cox " "
J. Gilman (2) Weston	Roberts (HMS REPULSE) (1)
Di Mc Laughlin (1) West Wallasey	Mills " " (1)
T. COATES (West Wallasey)	Skinner (HMS HOOD)

Reserves

Stewart (Adamstown)


Les Brown (West Wallasey)

Referee Bill Stott

Charlie Nix - Bide Pratten

** Please note that Podgy Maunders scored a

N.D.B.F. Association
 TRAMWAY GROUND
 Lawson Street, Hamilton
 Wednesday, April 16th, 1924



NORTHERN DISTRICT
 SPECIAL SERVICE
 SQUADRON No. 1 TEAM

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 J. GILMAN, Secretary

Northern District
 (Black and White)

Special Service Squadron
 No. 1 Team
 (Dark Blue)

1. JORDAN (New Lambton)	PARSONS (H.M.S. Hood)
2. H. MAUNDERS (West Wallasey)	COPE (H.M.S. Repulse)
3. J. OLIVER (Weston)	BURKE (H.M.S. Hood)
4. OWEN (Wallasey) E.A.N.	SELLEN (H.M.S. Repulse)
5. LAMBERT (Adamstown) ART	DENSON (Capt.) (H.M.S. Repulse)
6. DOYLE (Adamstown) Pares	ANDREWS (H.M.S. Hood)
7. COATES (West Wallasey) Tan	GARSIDE
8. PHILLIPS (Kauri Kauri)	COX (H.M.S. Hood)
9. W. MAUNDERS (West Wallasey)	ROBERTS (H.M.S. Repulse)
10. OILMORE (Weston) Jaid	MILLS (H.M.S. Repulse)
11. McNAUGHTON (Cessnock) Ro	SKINNER (H.M.S. Hood)
12. STEWART (Adamstown)	
13. BROWN (West Wallasey) Les	

Reserves:

MR. W. STOTT
 Messrs C. NIX & B. PRATTEN

Northern Districts v Queensland 21/6/1924



Left to Right.

W Stott (Referee) A Phillips, K Owen, D McLaughlin

P Doyle, Les Brown, J Coates, S Rowe, W Maunders (Capt)

D Rees, S Bower, K Maunders, J. Coutts



The Queensland Team, 1924

D Todd E Rigby E M Stevenson
L Proud, W Thomas, A Murray, J B Bryant, Z Korotko, C
M Shenton, E Nunn.
J Williams E Bright, J S Hildreth (Manager) A Burns
E Rumble
A Williams D Mitchell

The N.D.B.F. Association

NORTHERN DISTRICTS DEFEAT QUEENSLAND.

By Full Back.

Queensland visited Newcastle last week end, and had a most enjoyable time. On Friday they were given a civic reception by the Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman R. G. Kilgour, who heartily welcomed the Bananatuanders Mr. A. A. Stirling, President, and Mr. P. J. Sheppard, Secretary of N.D.B.F.A., and W. Maunder, captain of the Northern team, also bid the visitors welcome. Mr. Hildreth, manager, and Mr. E. Bright, captain, suitably responded on behalf of the Queenslanders.

After the game the visitors and the Newcastle team were the guests of the Northern Association at a dinner and smoke concert at Way's Cafe. Mr. A. A. Stirling presided, and proposed the toast of the King.

Mr. L. Tamlyn proposed the toast of N.S.W. Association.

Mr. J. H. Bloomfield responded on behalf of the N.S.W. Association. Alderman C. Ellis proposed the Queensland Association.

Mr. Hildreth, in responding, thanked the Newcastle people for their glorious welcome and made special mention of the very sportsmanlike action of W. Maunder, skipper of Newcastle, who had suggested a substitute when Bryant had to leave the field in the second half. Mr. R. Martha, an ex-president, proposed the N.D.B.F.A. Mr. Stirling responded.

Mr. R. Skillings proposed kindred sports; Alderman Kilgour, Mayor of Newcastle, "Bowlers," Mr. Reid, "Australian Rules," Mr. W. Shepherd, "Cricket," responded.

Mr. C. Ellis presented Mr. E. Owen with Alderman Gibson's gold medal for the best player in the Newcastle v. Canada match.

BROADMEADOW DEFEAT NEW LAMBTON.

The early game at the Tramway was the Richardson Cup fixture—Broadmeadow v. New Lambton. In the first half New Lambton had the better of the play, but their forwards were weak in front of goal. The first score fell to Broadmeadow when Henderson, on the left wing, after a great piece of individual play, sent in a high cross which Dyna headed into the net. Watherston

should have evened the score, but missed a glorious chance. In the second half he made a good run in the centre, and beating both backs, made the scores level. Rogers regained the lead for Meadow, and then Virtue further increased the score. New Lambton thus drop out of the running for the State championship.

Hamilton and Balmain schools met on the Tramway Ground, and after an even contest the game ended in a scoreless draw.

Criticism of the Players.

W. Mitchell, Queensland's right winger, paid a fine tribute to the play of George Rowe, the Cessnock left half. Rowe proved his worth at left half. H. Maunder was very safe at full back, Rowe and Owen were the best halves. Les Brown was the best forward, and gave McLaughlin plenty of work to do.

W. Maunder played a fine game. His shots at goal being well directed, and it was only Bryant's excellent keeping that kept the score from being much larger. "Dutchy" Phillips combined well, and made some fine openings for his colleagues. G. Coates was not a success at right wing. Nunn, at left half for Queensland, having no difficulty in holding him. Both goalies played a fine game. Bryant had most work, and received much applause. Coates was very safe.

GARDINER CUP.

Weston Defeat New Lambton.

The only fixture played (apart from the representative match) was the re-played Gardiner Cup between New Lambton and Weston. Cessnock was the battleground. Weston added the knockout to New Lambton, scoring 3 goals to nil. McCroary (2), and Wigham were the scorers. Flat cuffs were engaged in, Oliver and McAllister receiving their marching orders. Both offenders and Austin have been reported by referee, and will appear at next meeting of the committee.

On Monday a full round of fixtures were played. Two Richardson Cups were played on the

Tramway. Cardiff defeated Hamilton 5-1. A protest on over-age player was entered by Hamilton, and the birth certificate of the player in question is required before the decision is given.

Rovers entered round No. 3 by defeating Swansea 4 goals to nil. Walker, Garaty, Treay, and Murnain were the scorers.

WALLSEND DEFEAT MAYFIELD.

Wallsend still retained their position at the head of the table by defeating Mayfield 3 goals to 1. A gain was blowing when the teams took the field. Mayfield at once attacked, and Woolley scored with a low shot, from the kick out Wells received, and his shot hit the bar. Keith Urwin returned the ball, and Tolhurst brought off a wonderful save. Craig equalised with a shot that Mayfield's goalie should have saved, the ball bounced into the net. Craig scored again before half-time, when the scores were Wallsend 3, Mayfield 1.

Wells netted Wallsend's third goal, and the play became very tame, the game ending—Wallsend 7, Mayfield 1.

Wallsend are the only undefeated senior team, and appear to have a mortgage on the Cup. If successful in retaining the Cup, it will be the hat-trick for the Bolshies.

Cessnock defeated Kurri 3 goals to 1. Hurden (2) and E. Williams (1) were the players responsible for the victory. Foley scored Kurri's only goal. Cessnock are in a handy position on the competition table, and have only suffered one defeat, and that at the hands of Adamstown. They will visit Wallsend next week, and a win will make their chances rosy.

Weston repeated the dose on New Lambton, but only after a very hard game, with New Lambton doing a great deal of the attacking. McCroary scored the only goal of the game, which gave Weston the victory. Spruce failed to convert a penalty for the losers.

Weston are still "whipping in" on the competition table.

Northern District British Football Association SOCCER

ANNUAL REPORT FOR SEASON 1924.

Submitted to the Members at the Annual General Meeting, held at the Trades Hall, Newcastle, on Saturday, 28th February 1925, at 7.15 p.m.

Gentlemen,—

Another year has been numbered with the Past, and your Executive have much pleasure in submitting this, the Annual Report, covering the Season 1924, for your very careful consideration and adoption.

In doing so, we desire to thank the Delegates to the Council Meetings, also the various Committees for their careful consideration of all matters that were placed before them and their hearty Co-operation, during the year.

PROGRESS

The Progress of the previous years have been well maintained and particularly was this in evidence on the Tramway Ground, during the latter part of the Season. 64,120 persons paid for admission into Association Grounds and of this total 48,172 attended the Tramway Ground, which proves what a wonderful asset an association ground is to the community.

COMPETITIONS

Seventy five Teams entered in the various grades, being an increase of Five teams over the previous year. The Registered membership being 1,392 players.

In the Senior Grade, Nine Teams entered, Adamstown, Casanook, Kurri, Mayfield, North, New Lambton, Wallsend, West Wallsend and Weston.

New Lambton was a new team, the remaining teams being the same as the previous year.

Newcastle Hamilton failed to raise a Senior Eleven.

Wallsend again finished premiers and secured the Ellis Cup and held same for the Third Year in succession. Casanook and Wallsend finished with 25 points each, and played off, Wallsend winning 2 Goals to 1.

The Senior Trophies were secured by West Wallsend who defeated Wallsend in the final, 3 Goals to 1 after a 1 all Draw had been played.

FOURTH GRADE (A. Division Table)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Cardiff	9	7	1	1	31	10	15
Broadmeadow	9	5	2	2	18	10	12
Boolaroo	9	5	2	2	16	6	12
Adamstown	9	5	2	2	16	11	12
New Lambton	9	4	3	2	19	14	10
Jasmond	9	3	2	4	16	11	10
Teralba	9	4	4	1	13	15	9
Hamilton	9	2	4	3	12	17	7
Awaba	9	0	7	2	7	30	2
Barnsley	9	0	8	1	4	28	1

FOURTH GRADE (B. Division Table)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Wakefield	8	7	0	1	30	6	15
Fernleigh	8	6	1	1	16	3	13
Catherine Hill Bay	8	6	2	0	22	15	12
Holmesville	8	4	3	1	13	13	9
Adamstown	8	3	4	1	16	19	7
Swansea	8	3	5	0	12	16	6
Dudley	8	3	5	0	9	24	6
Mazeppes	8	1	7	0	13	14	2
Rhonda	8	1	7	0	1	18	2

The Under 18 or B. Grade which drew 17 Teams were also run in two divisions for the first round, the 3 Leaders in each division then played a round and the two leaders played off for the Trophy.

West Wallsend were th Premiers and for the Second Year in Succession secured the Wills Cup.

Adamstown secured the trophies, by defeating West Wallsend in the final.

This Competition was productive of the finest football of all the Junior Grades.

Competition Table of Second Round as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Goals A.	Pts.
West Wallsend	5	5	0	0	14	1	10
Marwellthorpe	5	2	1	2	11	9	6
Adamstown	5	3	2	0	9	9	6
Rovers	5	2	2	1	13	14	5
Broadmeadow	5	1	3	1	5	9	3
Newtown	5	0	3	0	2	22	0

The under 16 (or C. Grade) also attracted 15 Teams and two divisions were conducted in this competition, the two leading teams in each division to play knock out Semi-final and final. Winner of Final to receive both Cup and Medals.

West Wallsend met Kia-Ora in the final and were victorious and secured both Howard Cup and Medals.

C. GRADE TABLE (A. Division)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Goals. A.	Pls.
Merewether	12	9	2	1	33	6	19
Cardiff	12	8	4	0	22	14	16
New Lambton	12	7	4	1	28	19	15
Hamilton	12	7	4	1	19	14	15
Lambton	12	2	11	1	20	34	5
Broadmeadow	12	0	12	0	5	41	1

(B. Division)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Goals. A.	Pls.
Kia-Ora	14	13	0	1	59	6	27
West Wallsend	14	8	2	4	39	16	20
Teralba	14	8	5	1	15	14	17
Young Wallsend	14	8	5	1	19	30	17
Catherine Hill Bay	14	3	8	3	16	34	9
Boolarue	14	4	10	0	22	24	8
Swansea	14	3	9	2	16	17	8
Summerhill	14	2	10	2	10	45	4

KERR CUP (Northern Senior Championship)

For this Competition which was restricted to the Northern Teams, only Eleven Teams entered. Mayfield however withdrew.

West Wallsend by defeating Adamstown in the final 3 Goals to 1 secured both the Kerr Cup and Medals.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CUP (Northern Junior Championship)

This Competition which was conducted for the first time was restricted to N.D.B.F.A. Junior Teams attracted 24 Entries.

West Wallsend defeated Adamstown in the final and secured the Cup and Medals.

GARDINER CUP (State Championship)

New South Wales again controlled this event and Nine Teams from this Association entered. West Wallsend for the Second year in Succession won the Cup and Trophies, by defeating Woonoona in the final 3 goals to nil

RICHARDSON CUP (State Junior Championship)

12 Teams from Newcastle entered in this event.

West Wallsend won both Cup and Medals by defeating Woonoona Park 5 to 1.

SCHOOLS SOCCER

The Schools Soccer Competition was again conducted in three Grades. Mr. McDonald was Hon. Secretary.

The Entries Totalled Thirty Three Teams which was an increase of six over the previous year.

Central Won the A. and B. Grade, whilst Plattsburg Secured the C. Grade Trophies.

Three Representatives from Newcastle Schools were selected for the State and both Morris and Parker acquitted themselves creditably and were highly complimented by the Manager of the N.S.W. Schools Team on their fine performances in the other States.

Every assistance has been freely given by the Parent body to foster the Soccer Code in the Schools of the District, and letters of thanks have been received for assistance to the Schools Association.

Financial Assistance has been given towards defraying the Expenses of the School Boy Representatives.

Three sets of Medals were awarded the winning teams.

Grounds have been made available and where possible Referees have been appointed to control the Games.

A Shield has also been donated to the F.S.A.A.A. for Competition Annually. Newcastle High School being the winning School for 1924.

MARIST BROS. COMPETITION

The Marist Bros School again conducted a colour Competition. Six Teams competed.

Reds were successful in winning the Trophies Donated by the N.D.B.F.A. and Blue and Gold Secured the Cup.

The Association is in receipt of a letter of thanks from the Principal of the Marist Bros. School for the Assistance rendered during the year.

INTERSTATE & INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES

During the Season The Canadian Combination visited Newcastle and were opposed to a Newcastle Team.

The game ended in a Draw 1 all.

The Seniors from the Maitland area also drew 1 all with the visitors and in a return match were defeated 1 Goal to Nil.

The Fourth Test Match of the Tour was played on the Newcastle Show Ground and a Scoreless Draw resulted.

West Wallsend were given a Mid Week Match against the visitors and defeated them 3 Goals to Nil.

The Queensland Representatives were defeated by a Newcastle Eleven, 3 Goals to Nil.

It is with regret that we have to report that the Inter District Junior Games did not eventuate. Every endeavour was made by your Association to arrange the games but the Metropolitan body were unwilling for the continuance of the fixtures.

CLUBS

The Tramway Ground was again the Chief Official Ground and was in use for the full Season.

The Newcastle Sports Ground and Show Ground were used once for International Matches.

MANAGEMENT

The Committee met weekly. Thirty five meetings were held and the attendance was as follows:- A.A. Stirling, (President) 33, R.C. Skillings, (Treasurer) 32, P.J. Sheppard (Secretary) 35, J. Durie 33, S. Bush 31, J. Mills 30, A. Stewart 27 and W. Stott 12. All the Committee endeavoured to give of their best in the interest of the code and gave their divisions without fear or favour.

CHARITY

£31/15/- was donated to charity. Newcastle Ambulance, Newcastle and Wallsend Hospitals and Chelmsford Institute benefiting. Letters were also received from Salvation Army & the above institutions for assistance during the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the winning Teams we offer you our best congratulations on your success during the season 1924 and to the losing Teams we wish you success in the coming season.

SOCCER NEWS

During the past season arrangements were made for "Soccer News" to be had locally each Saturday and the venture was a success. With a local "Soccer News" a greater success could be attained and more local news could be published.

INSURANCE FUND

At the commencement of the year an Insurance Fund inaugurated but through lack of interest of the clubs it was discontinued and the amount paid in by clubs was re-funded.

THANKS

We desire to thank the firm of Sherwin-Williams for their generosity in donating Sherwin-Williams Cup for competition.

To all Club Secretaries, Committees, Players and Referees we desire to express our thanks and appreciation for their hearty support and co-operation.

The Groundsman performed his duties in a very capable manner and the Public & Players were loud in their praises of the keeping of the ground.

Our thanks are also due to the press and to all who assisted the Committee in the discharging of their duties.

CONCLUSION

With the prospect of an English Team visiting our shores in the coming season and the standard of football improving the Season about to be entered on should be the best in the history of the code.

That every Club will endeavor to Foster the game in their own particular area is the earnest wish of

Yours faithfully,

A. A. STIRLING, President.

R. J. SKILLINGS, Hon. Treasurer.

P. J. SHEPPARD, Hon. Secretary.

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5TH. TEST

Australia

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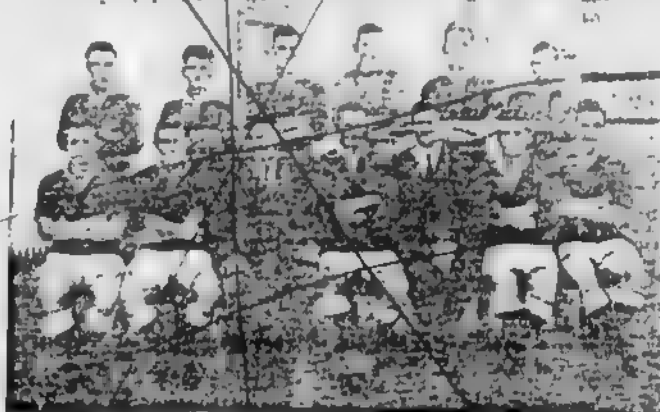
Canada

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Adelaide 12/7/1924

G. Cartwright (Balmain Gladestone)	H. Noseworthy
F. Gallen (Balmain)	G. Anderson
G. Raitt (Vic)	M. McLean
T. Bristow (Vic)	R. Stobbs (1)
Gil Stoney (Balmain)	R. Harley
Harry Spurway (Granville)	F. Dierden
C. Williams (Cessnock)	G. Forrest
W. Podge "Mauder" (West Wallsend) (1)	L. Ford
Judy Masters (Capt) (Balgownie)	J. Wilson (2)
J. Orr (Cessnock)	W. Linning (1)
F. Ramsay (Granville)	F. Bowman

Australian Team for the 5th Test vs Canada - 1924



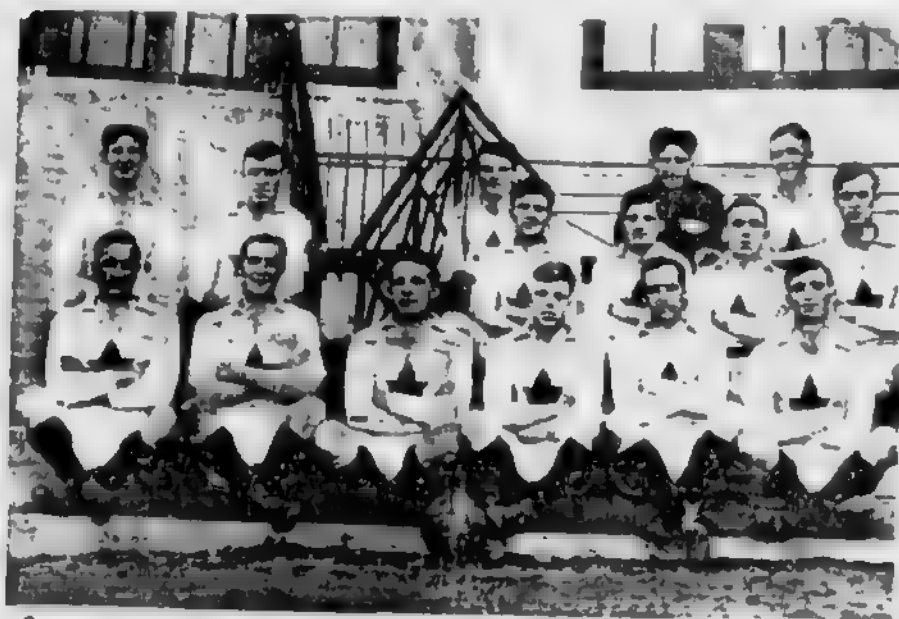
Standing: H. Spurway F. Gallen T. Bristow G. Cartwright G.
 Stoney G. Raitt
 Sitting: W. Podge "Mauder" W. Linning E. Ford J. Wilson (2) J. Orr (Cessnock)
 J. Masters (Capt) W. Linning (1) F. Bowman
 Referee: G. H. Ramsay

1924

Canadians Tour Australia Tour Details

Metropolitan	0 v	Canada	0	
South Coast	2 v	"	2	(Woonona)
NSW	5 v	"	2	(Sydney)
Newcastle	1 v	"	1	(Newcastle)
South Maitland	1 v	"	1	(Cessnock)
Brisbane	0 v	"	4	
Queensland	0 v	"	4	(Brisbane)
Australia(1st Test)	3 v	"	2	(Brisbane)
Tamworth	0 v	"	8	(
Australia(2nd Test)	0 v	"	1	(Sydney)
Metropolitan	6 v	"	2	(Sydney)
Australia (3rd Test)	~ v	"	1	(Sydney)
Balmain	0 v	"	0	
Australia(4th Test)	0 v	"	0	(Newcastle Show Grd)
Victoria	2 v	"	1	
Australian XI	0 v	"	3	(Melbourne)
South Australia	0 v	"	3	
Australia (5th Test)	1 v	"	4	(Adelaide)
Victoria	1 v	"	1	(Melbourne)
South Coast	1 v	"	0	(Woonona)
Australia(6th Test)	1 v	"	0	(SGC)
West Wallsend	3 v	"	0	(Newcastle)

***Please note West Wallsend represented Newcastle.



CANADA. 1924

From left to right: G. Anderson, H. V. ...
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1924

Newcastle .

1 v Canada

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Tramway Ground 24/5/1924

Jack Coutts(West Wallsend)

H. Noshier

W. Stewart(Adamstown)

G. Anderson

Ernei Owen(Wallsend)

M. McLean

Henry Maunder(West Wallsend)

G. Dierden

Art Lambert(Adamstown)

R. Harley

Peter Doyle(Adamstown)

R. Stobbart(1)

Tommy Coates(West Wallsend)

G. Forrest

W "Podge" Maunder(West Wallsend)(1)

W. Linning

Alec Cameron(Adamstown)

Wilson

Tommy Sinclair(West Wallsend)

J. Hood

Keith Urwin(Wallsend)

F. Bowman

Referee Bill St



REFEREE STOTT

Canadians Players Touring Australia 1924

H. Mosher	Vancouver B.C.
G. Anderson	Ladysmith B.C.
M. McLean	Calgary, Alberta
H. L. Roseworthy	Montreal. P.Q.
F. Dierden	Toronto Ontario
J. Wilson	Edmonton. Alberta
J. G. Armstrong	Vancouver. B.C.
R. Stobbs	Vancouver B.C.
G. Forrest	Toronto, Ontario
R. Harley	Winnipeg. Manitoba
L. Ford	Regina, Saskatchewan
I. Bowman	Saskatoon. Saskatchewan
W. Linning	Lethbridge. Alberta
L. Sanford	Montreal P.Q.
J. Hood	Brandon. Manitoba
H. Chapman	British Columbia
D. Morrison (Trainer)	Ladysmith
James Adam (Manager)	Victoria B.C.

Metropolitan 0 v Canada 0
 (Black + Red Stripes) (White Chest-Green Maple Leaf)
 Royal Agriculture Ground. 10/5/1924

G Cartwright	H Mosher
L Leabreter	G Anderson
J Gullen	Mc Lean
G Stoney (Capt)	J. Borden
A Henderson	R Stanley
H Spurway	R Stobbs
A Bourke	G Toonell
H Winter	W Henning
G Milner	L Ford
H Chevingham	H. Chapman
H Robertson	J Bowman
Reserves	Reserves
A Alchinson	H Roseworthy
J Dunsell	J Wilson
J Fisher	J Armstrong
Robson	L Sanford
J Mellick-Smith	J Hood

Referee G. Mc Lary
 H Batten - W Clarke

P. T. O. c/s

Early match to this game

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Barley Match

10/5/1924

Granville Juniors
(Black & White Stripes)

Metropolitan Juniors
(Red & Black Stripes)

J Macdonald

J. Gilligan (Marionville Avoca)

J. Gallagher

S. Gray (United Juniors)

C MacKenzie

G. Loomer (Annandale Albion)

J White

J. Lacey (Leuchhardt)

K Mc Kay

D Mitchell (Leichfield)

A Brewer

A Wright (Marionville Avoca) (Capt)

A Monteith

W. Orr (Marionville Avoca)

J Mc Dowell

R Birch (Annandale)

M Adamson

R Bennett (United Juniors)

J Musgrove

J Marchfield (United Juniors)

D Mc Kay

A Sinclair (Leichfield)

Reserves

Reserves

A Biddle

J. Hornsby (United Juniors)

J Ritchie

R Burfield (Marionville Avoca)

C Shelly

J. Gilbert (United Juniors)

Referee A. C. Kerr

Downs - Layton

South Coast 2 Canada 2

14/5/1924

J. Boyle
H. Stewart
W. Casley
A. Dancy
H. Morgan
W. Johnston
D. Ward
J. Green (1)
J. Masters (1)
J. Thompson
Daves

H. Mosher
G. Anderson
F. Darden
M. McLean
R. Harley
R. Stobbs (1)
G. Forrest
W. Lanning (1)
L. Ford
H. Chapman
J. Bowman

Referee A. Reay

New South Wales 5 v Canada

2

Sydney 17/5/1924

G. Cartwright (Balmain Farnley)

F. Gallen (Balmain)

Tommy Oliver (Weston)

Gil Storey (Balmain)

Art Lambert (Adamstown)

Harry Spence (Gosnells)

Stan Bencke (Gosnells) (1)

Dave Ward (Balgownie)

Judy Maston (Capt) (Balgownie) (2)

F. Mellis-Smith (Sydney) (1)

Jack Thompson (Balgownie) (1)

Referee W A Wright



T. OLIVER,
of Weston Club, Newcastle.



Gilbert Storey, the Balmain
half-back showing good form this
season.



Frank Gallen, the Pocket Her-
cules from Balmain

Early match to NWS Canada 2
17/5/1924

Metropolis
(Red + Black Stripes)

B Atchison

L Leabreter

S Robinson

J Fisher

A Henderson

R Charlton

J Burns

G Milner

J Robson

H Shunningham

H Robertson

Reserves

J Davidson

J Dinscoll

A Loughton

L Simms

H Winter

W Kerr

South Coast
(Maroon)

J. Boyle

P. Hunter

H Stewart

W Johnstone

W Harrigan

A Duncanson

S Dawes

J Green

B Jarrett

J Gibson

A Veigel

Reserves

G Richardson

J Muir

S Learmonth

A Mc Mahon

Referee W A Bates
G Skelby - J. A. Watts.

Granville v Canada

Clyde Wal 21/5/1924

Newcastle 1 v Canada 1

Iceway Ground Hamilton

24/5/1924

Jack Courts (West Wallend)	H Mosher
Ed Stewart (Adamstown)	G Anderson
Normie Owen (Wallend)	M McLean
Henry Maunders (West Wallend)	G Dierden
Art Lambert (Adamstown)	R Harley
Peter Doyle (Adamstown)	R Stobbs (1)
Tommy Coates (West Wallend)	G Forrest
W "Podge" Maunders (West Wallend) (V)	W Lanning
Alec Cameron (Adamstown)	J Wilson
Tommy Sinclair (West Wallend)	J. Hood
Keith Maswin (Wallend)	F. Bowman

Referee Bill Stott



The N.D.B.F. Association

NEWCASTLE AND CANADA PLAY A ONE-ALL DRAW.

By Full Back.

The first Soccer match played on the Newcastle Sports Ground, eventuated on Saturday, and about 8000 people were present to witness the match.

Canada played in blue jerseys and the Newcastle Eleven played in the Association Black and White.

W. Maunders, who played Newcastle with success, and who scored on Saturday.

Canada's attack was on the wing, passed to the right wing, passed to the left wing, and back behind.

Canada again took a hand, and Forest sent in a striker, Coutts, who shot only to be shot at again. H. Maunders, clearing Canada playing with great combination, kept up the attack, and a hot shot by Dierden was stopped by Coutts, who succeeded in getting the ball away at the second attempt. Forest, on the right wing, was giving Doyle a merry time, repeatedly beating "Peter" for the ball. The first score went to the credit of the visitors. The ball was put from Stobhart to Bowman, who centred. Wilson secured and sent to Forest, who sent to Bowman, who ran towards the corner, tricked Owen, and passed back to Stobhart, who sent in a lightning shot which landed in the corner of the net. Canada 1; Newcastle 0. Canada kept up the attack. Lambert leaving. Hurley scored, but was robbed by Owen, who sent to W. Maunders, on to Erwin, back to Maunders, who sent into goal following on fast. Mosher, however, just beat Maunders for the ball, and saved his goal. Half time arrived, with the score—Canada, 1; Newcastle 0.

The Second Half.

In the second half, Newcastle played better football, but the half back line of Canada was too solid. Coutts was called upon to make a number of saves, and he acquitted himself well.

Hurley was playing a great game, and served his forwards well, placing the ball nicely to his

front line. The game was drawing to a close, and a number of spectators were leaving, so that the Newcastle had met their Waterloo. An unexpected appeal was made to start the movement, and W. Maunders on to Gatehouse to Gates, who

raced up the right wing and centred. W. Maunders secured Mosher advanced, but the ball went into the corner of the net. The ball was played in centre, and kicked off, and the final whistle sounded and Newcastle emerged from the contest with a draw.

For the first time the half backs played well. Both backs played well. Mosher in goal was in good form. He saved a few. Always on the move, and goes well out for the ball.

The Newcastle Eleven played a very good game, and the first half was a very good one. The Newcastle Eleven played a very good game, and the first half was a very good one.

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Pido Stewart played well the first twenty minutes, but fell away. Owen who was given the medal for the best player, was usually the best half back. Lambert should not have taken the field, his injured ankle not being able to withstand the strain. He left the field 20 minutes before full time. Peter Doyle was up against the star forward of the team, and appeared not to play up to his form, but Forest would make any half back look small with some of his footwork.

Of the forwards Cameron played well, and should not be disappointed with his first appearance in big football. Tommy Coates, although not at his best, put over some good centres, and from one of his "few" the equalising goal was scored. "Podge" Maunders did not take any risks, but played a good game. Erwin, Sinclair never got going, and were off.

Referee W. Stott handled the game well, and was freely congratulated by the visitors on his control of the game.

The early match was provided by Inlington and West Wallsend in the Richardson Cup, 1st round, and resulted in a draw—2 goals each. Kaiser and Richardson for Westy, and Horns and Brown for Inlington were the scorers.



REFEREE STOTT.

Newcastle Side vs Canada (24th May, 1924)



Back Row. W. Stott (Ref) S. Bush (Com) A. Lambert, T. Coates,
J. Coutts, H. Maunder, P. Doyle, A. A. Stirling (Pres)
Front Row. W. Stewart, A. Cameron, E. Owen, W. Maunder (Capt)
T. Sinclair, E. Urwin

South Maitland 1 v Canada 1

27/5/1924

Bobby Austin (Weston)
Tom Oliver (Weston)
G Williams (Lesnock)
R Durie (Lesnock)
G Starks (Lesnock)
R. Bower (Kurri Kurri)
C. Williams (Lesnock)
W. Foley (Kurri Kurri)
J. Mc Croaney (Weston)
J. Selman (Weston)
Mc Naughton (Lesnock)
Reserves

Jones (Hearley)
J. Wilson (Kurri Kurri)
J. Davis (Weston)
J. Breakwater (Heath)

Referee R. Shaw
G. Anderson - J. Jennings

(as per programme)

H. Mosher
G. Anderson
M. McLean
J. Dierden
R. Harley
R. Stobbs
G. Forrest
W. Lanning
J. Wilson
J. Hood
J. Bowman

THE CANADIANS DRAW WITH MAITLAND.

The Canadians played a draw—one goal each—with the representative Maitland team last Tuesday. This is the tourists' fourth draw out of six matches so they are easily creating a record in this respect.

Maitland played the better game in the first half. Williams, McGroun, Gilmore, McNaughton and Oliver showed to advantage. The first-named headed into the net after a nice combined effort which he had laid in. In the second half the Canadians began to show their prowess. Harley scored the first goal by hitting the net. Forst was awarded a free kick and he scored his first goal for the tourists. The South Maitland B.F. Association ladies' team played on Saturday afternoon.

During the game, a lady named Mrs. J. J. Jones, who was sitting in the front row, was very ill. She appeared to be very ill and proved that she was a very hard hat to kick in the net. It was then announced that three forwards, Sanford, Chapman and Ford, had been injured. They are at present resting in the hospital after being injured in Australia.

Brisbane O v Canada U

31/5/1924

Queensland v Canada 4

Brisbane

3/6/1924

J. Hamilton (Pineapple Rovers)

Smith (Latrobe)

George Harris (Pineapple Rovers)

T. White

"

"

J. Peebles

"

(Capt)

Korotieff (Latrobe)

W. Mitchell

"

Les Clarke (Pineapple Rovers)

Bright (Brisbane City)

W. Gibb (Shafston Rovers)

Moriarty (Laladonians)

Reserves

W. Bryant (Latrobe)

McRagby

"

C. Mc Govern (Thistle)

J. Murray (Latrobe)

J. Dent (Brisbane City)

J. Steele (Thistle)

J. Robertson (Wynnum)

THE QUEENSLAND TEAM.

To Meet the Canadians.
The Canadians arrived in Brisbane last Thursday evening, and are quartered at Netherway. Their training headquarters will be the Brisbane Cricket Ground. The selectors of the Q.F.A. have selected eleven players, with seven reserves, and generally the team has met with approval. A blending of young players under the captaincy of Johnny Peebles should bring good results. The team selected is:—T. Hamilton (Pineapple Rovers), Smith (Latrobe), Geo. Harris (Pineapple Rovers), T. White, J. Peebles (Pineapple Rovers), Korotieff (Latrobe), W. Mitchell (Latrobe), Les Clarke (Pineapple Rovers), W. Gibb (Brisbane City), W. Bryant (Latrobe), Moriarty (Laladonians). Reserves: W. McRagby, C. Mc Govern (Thistle), J. Murray (Latrobe), J. Dent (Brisbane City), J. Steele (Thistle), J. Robertson (Wynnum).

Australia 3 v Canada 2

1ST TEST - Brisbane 7/6/1924

G. Castwright (Balmuir Gladstone)	H. Mosher
F. Gallon (Balmuir) Woolongah	G. Andersson
J. Oliver (Woolongah)	M. McLean
J. White (Queens)	F. Dierden
A. Henderson (Granville)	R. Hawley
K. Kenna (Queens)	R. Stobbs
D. Ward (Balgownie) (1)	G. Forrest
J. Masters (Balgownie) (2)	W. Lenning (1)
H. Sherrington (Sydney)	L. Ford (1)
F. Mellis-Smith (Sydney)	H. Chapman
G. Edwards (Queens)	L. Sanford

Reserves

Bryant - Harris - Worrall - J. Hainsworth - Robertson (all from Queensland)

Ipswich West Moreton v Canada

9/6/1924

Isimworth Central North O. Canada 8

11/6/1924

Australia 0 v Canada 1

Sydney Showground 14/6/1924

2ND TEST

J Robinson
F. Gallen (Balmain)
W Faulkner
G Storey (Balmain)
A Henderson (Granville)
H Spensway (Granville)
S Bourke (Granville)
D Ward (Balgownie)
James "Judy" Masters (Capt) (Balgownie)
H Sherringham (Sydney)
Tom "Titch" Thompson (Balgownie)
Reserves

G. Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)
C. Leadbeater (Granville)
Benie Owen (Wallerawang)
J. Mellier - Smith (Sydney)

Referee Mr Allerton

H Mosher
G. Anderson
Mr McLean
F. Buerden
R. Hanley
R. Stobbs (1)
J. Wilson
H. Chapman
G. Forrest
L. Ford
F. Bowman
Reserves

H. Roseworthy
J. Armstrong
L. Sanford
J. Hood

Early Match.

Possibles

J. Davidson (Balmain Fernleigh)
R. Leadbeater (Capt)
S. Robinson (Pymont Rangers)
C. O'Connor (Auburn)
J. Tranter (Auburn)
S. Peel (Balmain Fernleigh)
J. Burns (Sydney)
G. Milner (Granville)
J. Rolson (Sydney)
R. Waldon (Two Blues)
R. Osborn (Pymont Rangers)
Reserves

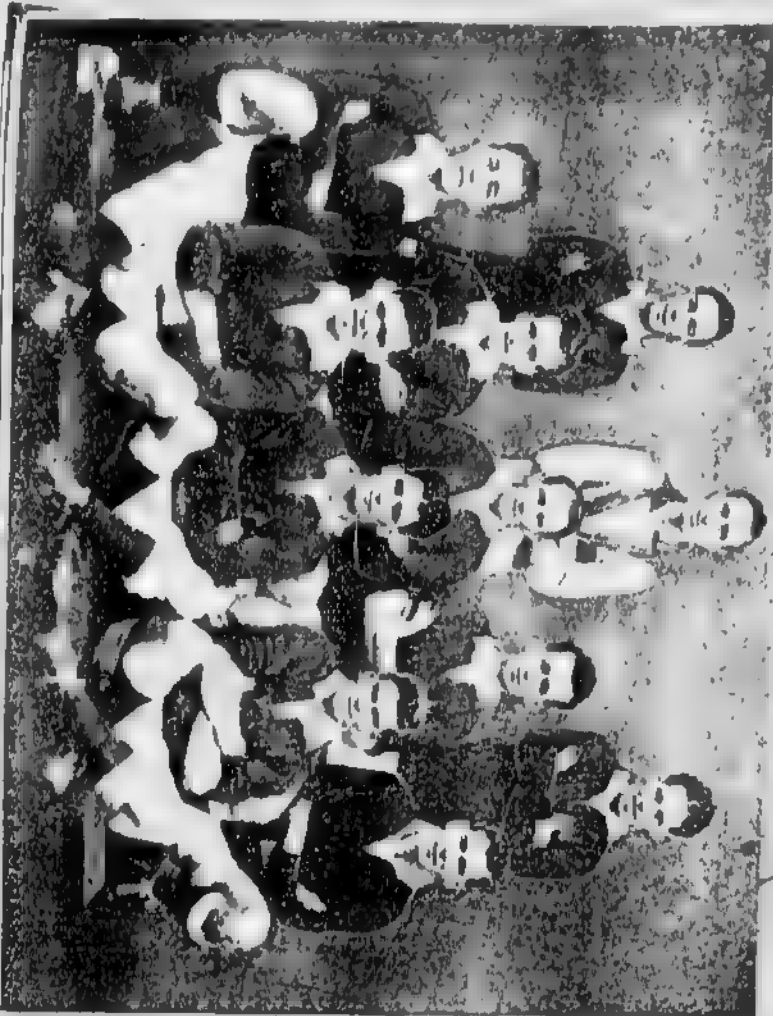
C. Callaghan (Two Blues)
J. Croom (Pymont Rangers)
D. Fowler (Gladstoneville)
M. Leadbeater (Auburn)
G. McFarlane (Gladstoneville)

Probables

B. Atchison (Granville)
S. Montgomery (Sydney)
J. Comrie (Capt) (Granville)
W. Wilson (Sydney)
W. Maizey (Gladstoneville)
J. Hele (Granville)
L. Mace (Two Blues)
H. Winter (Granville)
Cook (Granville)
F. Ramsay (Granville)
H. Robertson (Gladstoneville)
Reserves

F. Anderson (Pymont Rangers)
J. Dunscomb (Balmain Gladstone)
H. Hill (Two Blues)
B. Handson (Two Blues)
H. Henson (Gladstoneville)

AUSTRALIA. 2ND TEST 1924 14/6/1924



AUSTRALIA'S TEAM IN THE 2ND TEST.

The players were drawn from three States—New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania.
Back Row: H. Spurray (N.S.W.), J. Robinson (Vic.), S. Bourke (N.S.W.)
Middle Row: H. Sherrington (N.S.W.), A. Henderson (N.S.W.), J. Mallett, Capt. (N.S.W.)
Front Row: W. Faulkner (Tasmania), F. Gallop (N.S.W.), T. Thompson (N.S.W.).

Metropolitan 6 v Canada 2

Manly Oval. 18/6/24

Korner

Alexwood 2

Waldron 2

Mace 1

Vester 1

Bowman

Stobbs

THE MOWER NEWS.

West Walsingham Members met North in the former ground on Monday in the Hills Cup and the Blues ran out winners 3 to nil. West Walsingham were without H and H. Maund, D. McLaughlin and W. Smith and also lost a striker in Hayes. The Blues had a goal in the first half and a splendid work of McLaughlin in goal kept a top score from being made. Hughes (North) was injured in the first half and had to leave the field McLaughlin taking his place. In the early game West Walsingham v Young Walsingham 1st Grade played a scoreless draw.

Kurri Kurri North End Club—Results Saturday June 21st Kurri North End 1st grade team met Kurri Juniors (4th) on North End ground and after a fast play, gave Kurri Juniors won 3 to 1. Kurri North End were 1st in the league. Kurri North End were 1st in the league. Kurri North End were 1st in the league.

Kurri North End under 14 defeated Weston 12 after a well-contested game 2-1.

This team is an undefeated team in for this season having six wins to its credit, and one draw. The drawn game was with Kurri Juniors 14, and they also are undefeated and both teams are keen to win.

Kurri Kurri were defeated by Keresley at Keresley on Saturday 14-4-1. This is Kurri's first defeat since they went to show that Keresley are not the goods as Kurri are very strong.

SWANSEA CLUB

In "Mower News" of June 14th Lewis was credited with having scored the goal of the game, when Swansea defeated Jeumont. (Cocky) Robinson was the player who was responsible for the win not Lewis. Swansea Club is controlled by a management committee consisting of Messrs. A. Payne W. Chapman, W. Norman, J. Stewart, A. Buchanan, H. Lovett (captain), W. Lewis and T. McLaughlin. Rules are formed and are enforced. At Swansea fund is also run for the benefit of disabled players.

Supporters will be pleased to hear that J. Critchfield who was injured on the Tramway, is doing well.

Complete tables of points up to June 21st are inserted in this issue. Will please forward results of matches in to Hon. Secretary of Association as early as possible especially where no official referee is in attendance.

UNDEFEATED TEAMS

Eight Junior teams have not suffered defeat up to date. Some wonderful goal averages are also noticed. Merewether under 16 will 11 against 4 being very prominent, also in the Under 16 Merewether and K.A. Ora have had only one goal scored against them for the season.

In the fourth grade which is nearly completed, the ultimate winner of the Cup is still in doubt, and the last game will count. One very pleasant feature of this competition is not one forfeit is recorded.

In the B Division Wakefield, who only entered last season are the Cup winners.

will hold the Bryant Cup for season 1914-15. Wakefield will be the holders.

UNDER 18 OR B GRADE

The three leading teams in each division will play one round (not a knock out) for the Cup and the two losers play off for the trophies.

UNDER 16 OR C GRADE

This grade is playing a second round and the two winners on points will play off for the trophies. Merewether have won the trophy in the 1st round.

PROTESTS

It was announced for protest a loss of four points, received from West Walsingham, 11 referees the committee are in for a next time.

NEXT SATURDAY

West Walsingham play Weston 1st grade on Tramway Ground Saturday July 1st.

NOT A SAFETY MATCH

Bryant the Queensland goalkeeper was injured at Newcastle. Bryant of Bryant and May the goalkeeper was struck on the head and was not blown out.

Marine Brothers School Red v Blue and Gold score 1-1 in favor of Red senior F. Pickin. Blue and White v Green, score 2-1 in favor of Blue and White. Senior Tom Francis 2.

Black and White v Green and Blue, score 1-1.

F. Collier scored off a penalty for Black and White. W. Walters played well for Green and Blue and scored.

For the first two games a strong wind as blowing thus play was more strenuous than usual.

Blue and White are leading in the competition having 1 point.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE (SENIOR)

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Walsingham	8	6	1	1	12
West Walsingham	7	5	1	1	11
Jeumont	7	3	1	3	9
Adamsdown	6	4	1	1	9
New Lambton	6	3	1	2	8
North	6	1	4	1	3
Kurri	5	3	0	2	7
Mayfield	5	1	3	1	3
Weston	4	1	4	1	3

PREMIERSHIP TABLE (3rd Grade)

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Keresley	6	6	0	0	12
Chilworth	7	7	1	0	14
Islington	7	4	1	2	10
Huddley	7	4	1	2	10
Barnes	6	3	1	2	8
Adamsdown	6	3	1	2	8
Holmesville	7	3	2	2	8
Moss	7	2	2	3	6
Teralba	6	2	3	1	5
West Walsingham	6	2	3	1	5
Swansea	7	1	4	2	3
Barnesley	6	2	4	0	4
Young Walsingham	7	1	5	1	3
New Lambton	7	0	7	0	0
Mayfield	7	0	7	0	0

Fourth Grade A Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Cardiff	8	6	1	1	13
Adamsdown	8	5	1	2	11
Barnesley	7	4	1	2	10
Huddley	8	4	1	3	10
New Lambton	8	4	1	3	10
Jeumont	8	3	2	3	9
Teralba	7	3	2	2	8
Huddley	8	3	2	3	9
Adamsdown	8	2	3	3	7
Barnesley	8	1	6	1	3

Fourth Grade B Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Walsingham	8	7	1	0	14
Jeumont	7	6	1	0	13
Cardiff Hill Bay	7	5	1	1	11
Huddley	7	4	2	1	9
Islington	7	3	3	1	7
Adamsdown	7	3	3	1	7
Swansea	7	2	4	1	5
Mayfield	7	1	5	1	3
Huddley	7	1	5	1	3

Under 18 A Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Merewether	7	6	1	0	12
New Lambton	6	5	1	0	11
Broadmeadow	7	4	1	2	10
Jeumont	8	3	2	3	9
Swansea	6	3	2	1	7
K.A. Ora	6	2	3	1	5
Huddley	7	1	4	2	3
Mayfield	7	1	4	2	3
Stockton Moor	7	0	6	1	1

Under 18 (B) Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
W. Walsingham	7	6	1	0	12
Adamsdown	7	4	1	2	10
Rovers	7	3	2	2	8
Huddley	7	3	2	2	8
Teralba	7	2	3	2	6
Holmesville	7	2	3	2	6
Y. Walsingham	7	1	5	1	3
Boulton	7	0	7	0	0

Under 16 A Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Merewether	5	5	0	0	10
Cardiff	7	5	1	1	11
New Lambton	7	4	1	2	10
Adamsdown	6	4	1	1	9
Huddley	6	3	2	1	7
Lambton	6	1	4	1	3
Broadmeadow	7	0	7	0	0

Under 16 B Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
K.A. Ora	7	6	1	0	12
Teralba	8	5	2	1	11
Y. Walsingham	8	5	2	1	11
W. Walsingham	8	4	2	2	10
Cardiff Hill Bay	8	3	3	2	9
Swansea	8	2	5	1	5
Huddley	8	2	5	1	5
Swansea H.O.	7	0	7	0	0

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J. Boyle

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James "Judy" Masters (Balgownie)

D. Ward

J. Thompson (Balgownie)

Australia 4 v Canada 1

(3rd TEST) Sydney Showground 23/6/1924

G Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)	H Mosher
Tommy Oliver (Weston)	G Anderson
I Gallen (Balmain Gladstone)	Mr McLean
Bone Cavan (Wallsend)	F. Brooker
G. Storey (Balmain)	R Harley
H Spurnway (Granville)	R Stobart
A Bourke (Granville)	G Forrest (1)
W "Podge" Maunders (West Wallsend) (2)	W Lanning
James "Judy" Masters (Capt) (Balgownie) (2)	L Ford
J "Titch" Thompson (Balgownie)	H. Chapman
A Mc Naughton	F. Bowman

Referee W A Wright

Early game

New South Wales

B. Atchison (Granville)
 C. Leabaster (Granville)
 H. Maunders (Capt) (West Wallsend)
 W. Johnstone (Balgownie)
 R. Henderson (Granville)
 Jim Johnston (Wallsend)
 J. Burns (Sydney)
 D. Ward (Balgownie)
 Lee Williams (Leasock)
 J. Gilman (Weston)
 F. Ramsay (Granville)

Reserves

J. Boyle (South Coast)
 J. Comrie (Granville)
 H. Mitchell (Kilronn)
 C. O'Connor (Auburn)
 J. Green (Coledale)
 A. Alewood (Pyrmont)

v Queensland

J. Bryant
 A. Burns
 Rigby
 A. J. Williams
 C. Sheaton
 B. Ruane
 W. Mitchell
 B. Rumble
 Bright
 J. Stevenson
 Williams

Balmain - 0 v Canada 0
25/6/24

Australia

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U.M. TEST Newcastle 28/6/1924

G Cartwright (Invermay Gladstone)	H Mosher
H. Mander (West Wallend)	M McLean
J Oliver (Weston)	G Anderson
K Owen (Wallend)	R Stobart
G Storey (Belmain)	R Hooley
H. Hoadway (Glenfield)	F. Dierden
A. Burke (Glenfield)	F. Bowman
W "Podge" Mander (West Wallend) (Capt)	H Chapman
J. Maitland (Capt) (Glenfield)	W Henning
J Gilman (Weston)	G Forrest
A McNaughton (Lismore)	L Ford
Reserves	
K Atchison (Glenfield)	
Bob Austin (Weston)	
F. Gallen (Belmain)	
P. Doyle (Adamstown)	
G Rowe (Lismore)	
D Ward (Glenfield)	
L Williams (Lismore)	
Les Brown (West Wallend)	
Di McLaughlin (West Wallend)	

Referee J. Nicholson

** Please note that Mr. Bruce Owen (Wallend) was awarded a Gold Medal for being the Best & Fairest player of the match

Please Read Storey

The N.D.B.F. Association

FOURTH TEST MATCH PLAYED IN THE RAIN.

By Full Back.

A Scoreless Draw.

Last Saturday will be long remembered by Newcastle Soccerites as one of the hardest games in the history of the game in the North was fought out between Australia and Canada in the fourth Test. The day broke showery in the district but cleared as the day advanced, and by the time of the kick-off in the Test the weather was glorious.

A very large crowd was present at the match, which was played on the Show Ground at Broadmeadow. In the original selection were J. Masters, H. Spurway, and S. Bourke who failed to appear. It is noted that both Spurway & Bourke both took the field with their club on that day. W. Maunder, the West Wallsend track centre, took Master's place, D. Ward, of Balgownie, going inside right, and Cec Williams outside right. George Rowe, of Cessnock, was left half.

W. Maunder led Australia and won the toss from Hurley. Linning kicked off against a slight breeze. The game opened very fast, both ends being visited. Disaster came early to Canada, as Chapman was injured in a collision, and was carried off, but later returned. Stobhart, playing great football, was feeding his forwards well. From a great cross from Ford, H. Maunder cleared. Then H. Maunder was injured as a Canadian player got under him as he went up to head a ball, and gave him a nasty spill. Gilmore receiving from Storey, headed to McNaughton, who headed back to Gilmore, but McLean blocked his dual shot. Canada were penalised just outside the penalty area for hands against Hurley. Gilmore taking the kick, sent in a hard shot, which Mosher knocked round the post—a great save. Several of the Canadians seemed to have a set against Gil Storey and each time they were beaten by him he appeared to have epithets hurled at him, but they seemed to have no effect on him as he played a great game and continually beat the inside forwards. H. Maunders and Oliver also defended well. Cartwright had little to do in the first half, which ended with the score sheet blank. A downpour of rain ap-

peared as the players left the field. Rain was still falling heavily when the teams again lined up, and the going was very slippery. Stobhart beat Owen, and sent across to Forrest, but Oliver cleared. Ward next was worked into a good position by W. Maunder and put weakly past the goal. Hurley was playing well, and giving the ball to Linning, but both backs had his measure. Storey's head was doing great work in stopping the Canadian attack, and he was giving Gilmore plenty of work. McNaughton was beating Dierden often, but his crosses were going past the goal instead of being square. Gilmore, on several occasions, beat man after man, but held on too long and lost the ball. One of his shots just grazed the bar. He failed badly to pass into centre. Maunder changed his team, Ward going outside right, Maunder inside, and Williams centre, but it was not effective. Ward appeared to be the weak link. Near the end Cartwright was severely tested by Linning, but saved brilliantly on both occasions. At the other end Mosher fell when attempting to clear. Gilmore had an open goal, but failed to kick straight. Cartwright went down on a fall in saving, and Stobhart put his arms round him roughly in action, and was penalised. The game ended in a scoreless draw.

For Australia, Storey played a beautiful game, ably supported by both backs. Cartwright was in his best form. W. Maunder was well watched by Hurley, and allowed no scope, although the inside forwards failed to give him any support. Gilmore was very tricky, but was too selfish. The other forwards did not play up to their club standard, Ward being particularly weak. The Canadian defence was great, Stobhart being the star, ably supported by Hurley. McLean and Anderson defended well. The forwards were weak in attack, Linning sending in only a couple of dangerous shots; the others never looked like scoring.

Mr J. Nicholson did well as referee, as he had a hard game to handle. He fully justified the confidence of his many admirers.

The early game was the Richardson Cup tie, Broadmeadow v

West Wallsend. In the first half Westy had the wind and missed chances galore. Richardson missing golden opportunities, trying to shoot too hard instead of placing the ball into the net. The first half was scoreless. Broadmeadow was the first to score, Hanton sending in from the wing. The ball hit the bar and bounced into goal. Henderson, however, making it a certainty. West Wallsend drew level within a minute, D. Kaiser accepting James' cross and beating Jordan, netted with a fine shot. Kaiser again scored after a fine run beating Price, Jordan and Watt, and then putting into the net, giving Westy the lead, which was held to the finish. C. Watt played a fine game for Broadmeadow at full back, his kicking being very clean. Hanton and Henderson, on the wings, crossed well, but the inside forwards failed to take opportunities. For the winners, Proudlock, Duck, D. Kaiser, and James were best. The "Blues" lack a good centre.

West Walland 3 v Canada 0 29/6/1924

J. Coultts	H. Noseworthy
Hayes	G. Anderson
H. Maunder	M. McLean
F. Coolahan	F. Dierden
L. Coultts	R. Harley
W. Smith	R. Stobart
J. Coates	G. Forrest
Erickson	W. Lanning
W. "Podge" Maunder (3)	J. Wilson
J. Sinclair	L. Ford
L. Brown	J. Bowman

*** Please note West Walland represented Newcastle*

WEST WALLSEND DEFEATS CANADA.

There was a great crowd when teams lined up as follows.—
Canada: Noseworthy, Anderson, Mr. Lean, Dearden, Harley, Stobart, Forrest, Lanning, Wilson, Ford, Bowman.
West Walland: Coultts, Hayes, Coolahan, Coultts, Smith, Coates, Erickson, Maunder, Sinclair, Brown.
Maunder won the toss and Wilson set the ball rolling. West Walland were without James who had to stand down owing to a bereavement in the family. Canada were the first to attack but did not do any damage. H. Maunder gave away a corner, which was easily cleared. Brown next got away on the wing, but put behind; even play followed, till Maunder, beating Lanning sent to Coates who was beaten by Stobart. W.W. were having the best of the play. Brown broke through and Dearden tackled with elbows, but Referee failed to see it. Brown next had a shot from the wing and Noseworthy caught and cleared. Coates was sending over great crosses but Canada's defence held. Sinclair next had a pot from a long way out which went past. Forrest next secured a corner from Coultts who tipped over the bar. Sinclair cleared. Smith next caused a third which nearly scored a score. Smith beat several men, and sent ahead to Maunder, who was on the point of scoring when he was knocked off the ball. Canada cleared, and Coultts had to save from Stobart. Erickson was winded from the bounce. W.W. attacked. Coates shot well. McLean saved. Sinclair next shot hard from close in, but his shot was blocked. W.W. were having the best of the game. Canada attacked, Harley sending to Forrest who sent on a fast grounder, which Coultts well saved and gave a corner which was cleared.

Half time arrived and score was blank. Maunder started the second half, and W.W. had the best of the play. Smith next was penalised for bumping L. Coates. W.W. had the best of the play. Stob shot hard. McLean saving, and Erickson put the rebound behind. Coates next secured from Coultts, and centring behind the backs: W. Maunder running in but past Noseworthy. W.W. 1-0. Wilson was penalised for showing and H. Maunder put to W. Maunder, to Sinclair who shot into Noseworthy's hands. W.W. keeping up the attack. Anderson handled just outside the area. H. Maunder's great shot went behind off Canada. Noseworthy put the resultant corner kick behind. Brown a kick went over the bar. W.W. keeping Canada on the defence. Erickson sent to Sinclair who sent past the backs, and W. Maunder racing ahead beat Anderson and McLean, and put past Noseworthy on in the net. W.W. - Canada nil. From the kick off Canada tried hard. From a brilliant passing rush by Canada Forrest getting a fine pass and shooting hard. Coultts brought off a wonderful save. Brown next took down the wing, and beating Dearden sent to centre. Anderson clearing. Coultts in goal, was here applauded for good work.
Dearden next fouled in the penalty area and from the kick H. Maunder hit the post the ball going behind. Lanning was injured, and left the field. Wilson beat Coolahan, and sent across to the right. Smith beat Forrest, and cleared to Brown, but Dearden headed out. Forrest was getting plenty of work, but Smith was tackling well. Erickson took down wing, and centred to W. Maunder, who shot hard. Noseworthy saved a certain score by diving. The score was added to in the last minute. Erickson placed nicely to Maunder and Noseworthy ran out but Maunder beat him, and scored in an empty goal. 1-0 nil. Full time. West Walland thus won by 3 goals to nil.

The early game was played between Newcastle Tramways and Roselle. The latter won by 3 goals to 1. Newcastle were never in it. Roselle forwards were too clever for the locals. This win gives Roselle a three point lead on Newcastle and puts them well in the running for the cup and medals.

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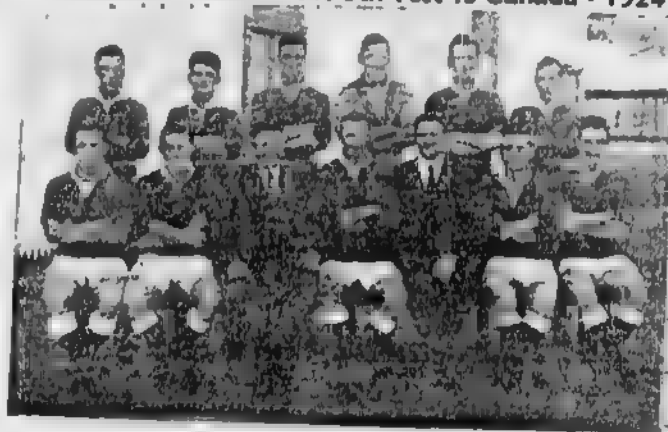
Victoria 1 v Canada 1

Australia 1 v Canada 4

Adelaide 12/7/1924 (5TH TEST)

G Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)	H. Roseworthy
F. Gallen (Balmain)	G. Anderson
G. Rant (Vic)	W. McLean
T. Bristow (Vic)	R. Stobbs (1)
G. Storey (Balmain)	R. Hawley
H. Sparroway (Granville)	F. Dierden
L. Williams (Lennock)	G. Forrest
W. "Podge" Mander (Westwalland) (1)	L. Ford
J. Masters (Capt) (Ralgownie)	J. Wilson (2)
J. Orr (Lennock)	W. Lanning (1)
F. Ramsay (Granville)	J. Bowman

Australian Team for the 5th Test vs Canada - 1924



Standing: H. Sparroway F. Gallen T. Bristow G. Cartwright G. Storey G. Rant
Sitting: J. Wilson W. Mander E. Lukeman Secretary F.A.A.
J. Masters (Capt) W. B. L. (Hon. Secretary South Australian Association) J. Orr F. Ramsay

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South Australia or Canada 3

Australia 1 v Canada 0

26/7/1924 Sydney Cricket Ground 6TH TEST

G Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)	H. Roseworthy
J Oliver (Weston)	G Anderson
J Gallen (Balmain)	M McLean
C Leabaster (Granville)	J. Dreaden
A Lambert (Adamstown)	R Harley
H. Spurrway (Granville)	R Stobbs
S. Bourke (Granville)	G Forrest
D Ward (Balgownie)	W Lanning
J Masters (Capt) (Balgownie) (1)	L Ford
J. Titch Thompson (Balgownie)	J Wilson
F. Mellis - Smith (Sydney)	J Bowman

Referee J Nicholson.

** It should be noted that Australia played in Myrtle Green and Gold, with Australia's coat of arms on their shirts.

This was the first occasion that the Green & Gold had been worn.

Australia previously played in Sky Blue with a Red A on the shirts.

TOM OLIVER-FOOTBALLER.

Tom Oliver, of Weston, is what I term a footballer, as he excels just as well in the forwards as in the backs. As far as he is concerned, Tom prefers the front rank, but the club selectors say otherwise, and now he plays on the defence. His first appearance against New Zealand did not impress, but subsequent form showed him up in a different light.

Tom toured Queensland in 1922, and put up many displays, but his best was reserved for the first and second Test matches against China, when his defending was a revelation. Unavailable for the third and fourth Tests, Oliver's next appearance was in Melbourne in the exhibition game against China, and he eventually journeyed to Adelaide to put up a clashing game in the fifth Test.

It is no doubt that Tom Oliver is one of the best backs that ever kicked a ball.

Northern District British Football Association. (SOCCER)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1925

Submitted to the Members at the Annual General Meeting, held at the Trades Hall, Newcastle, on Saturday, 27th February, 1926, at 7.15 p.m.

Gentlemen:

Your Executive have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for Season 1925 for your careful consideration and adoption. In doing so we again desire to thank the Delegates to Council meetings, committees and Officials and Members of the various clubs for their loyal support and hearty co-operation during the year.

PROGRESS.

The popularity of the code still continues to progress and attendances were very satisfactory during the season. Over 61,000 persons paid for admission into the Association grounds, whilst the attendances at the various club grounds were greatly increased on previous seasons.

COMPETITIONS.

Seventy-eight teams entered the various grades, being an increase of three over the previous season.

The registered membership totalled 1552 players.

In the Senior Grade, nine teams entered, viz: Adamstown, Newcastle, Neath, Cessnock, Kurri, New Lambton, Wallsend, Weston and West Wallsend. Newcastle were a new team, replacing Mayfield, who failed to raise a Senior Eleven. The remaining eight teams competed the previous year. West Wallsend, who gained 26 points were premiers and secured the Ella Cup. The Senior Trophies were won by Cessnock, who defeated Adamstown in the final by two goals to one.

The Reserve Grade was instituted for the first time and five teams entered. Wallsend finished Premiers on 14 points and secured the Middleton Cup. West Wallsend won the trophies by defeating Wallsend in the final, one goal to nil.

The Third or A. Grade attracted 10 entries, and two rounds were played, the three lowest after the first round being dropped from the second round.

Holmesville, on 27 points were Premiers and secured the Lyall Cup, while Manmi, by their victory over Holmesville in the final by three goals to one, secured the trophies.

C GRADE

Summerhill	12	11	0	1	34	6	23
W. Wallend	12	11	1	0	10	5	22
Dudley	12	9	2	1	29	7	19
New Lambton	12	8	3	1	13	14	17
Y. Wallend	12	4	3	5	26	14	13
Caird	12	4	6	2	17	21	18
Newcastle	12	3	5	4	7	13	10
Adamsown	12	4	6	2	16	14	10
Merewether	12	3	4	3	5	20	9
Lamond	12	4	6	0	7	25	8
Broadmeadow	12	2	9	1	11	25	5
C.H. Bay	12	2	9	1	3	22	5
Hamilton	12	1	8	3	3	22	5

KERR CUP (Northern Senior Championship)

This competition, which was again restricted to Northern teams, attracted 10 entries. Adamsown, by defeating Weston in the final by nine goals to two, secured both the Kerr Cup and Medal.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CUP (Northern Junior Championship)

This competition was restricted to N.D.B.F.A. junior teams only and 19 entries were received. Broadmeadow defeated Adamsown in the final by two goals to one, and won both Cup and Medal.

CARDNER CUP (State Championship)

This event was controlled by the State Association and the nine teams from this Association entered, three of which entered the semi-final round. Cessnock, defeated West Wallend (last season holders) in the semi-final, but were defeated by Adamsown in the final by two goals to nil. Adamsown thus won the coveted honour.

RICHARDSON CUP (State Junior Championship)

13 Teams from your Association competed in this event. Broadmeadow reached the final but were defeated by Cessnock, six to nil.

SCHOOLS SOCCER

On account of the large number of teams competing in the Eastern division in the School competition, the Association extended the trophies to winners in each division, therefore six sets of medals were donated instead of four.

The entries totalled 37 teams—27 in the Eastern and 10 in the Western division, being an increase of two over the previous year. The winners were as follows—

- A Grade—Cup and Medal won by High School
- B Grade—West Division. Cup and Medal won by Penrith

No. 1 Eastern Division. Medals won by Central

No. 2 Eastern Division. Medals won by Adamsown

C Grade. West Division. Cup and medals won by West Wallend

C Grade. East Division. Medals won by New Lambton

The privilege of playing the final on Sunday was extended to the Schools and was accepted. They were played on the Tramway Ground previous to the main fixtures.

During the year a number of No. 4 footballs were procured, and each school was supplied with new balls according to the number of teams that were playing the code. Referees were also provided for a great number of matches and every assistance has been freely given by the present body to foster the code throughout the schools of the district. Letters of appreciation have been received from Mr. McDonald, the hon. secretary of the schools competition.

MAINT BROTHERS' COMPETITION

The Maint Brothers school again conducted their Colour competition, six teams entering. Reds were successful in winning the trophies donated by the N.D.B.F.A.

Great interest was evinced in this competition and the Brothers who carried out the material duties for the Schools Secret Competition, has forwarded to the Association his thanks and appreciation of the assistance granted by us; also the reference for their services which were given free.

ENGLISH TOUR

The visit of the English team, which had been looked forward to by the keen spectators for some time, commenced during the year and two matches were played in Newcastle, one at the Show Ground, when the 'Spice' triumphed, totalling over \$1000 which is only a record for any football match in this area; and one at National Park Sports Ground. Both matches were won by the visitors—six goals to nil, and three goals to nil.

A Test Match was also played at Maitland, 'Show' Ground, the Englishmen again proving their superiority by winning eight goals to two.

While in Newcastle, the Association provided the recommendation for the visitors and the manager of the team, Mr. J. Donoghue, has written once returning to Hobart thanking the Association for their generosity.

The match against the Maitland players was played at Cessnock, but the visitors again won. We offer our congratulations to all the players who had the honour of representing against the formidable English team.

INTERSTATE FIXTURES

No. Senior Interstate fixtures were played, but a Tasmanian junior team, the Hobart 'under-18s' visited our district and played two matches—one at the Tramway Ground and one at Wallend. The local team won on each occasion, eight goals to nil and three goals to two.

CAVENDISH

The Tramway Ground was again the chief office playing area and was in use for the full season. Newcastle Show Ground, Sports Ground and Maitland Show Ground were used for the English fixtures, while Young Wallend and Weston were also utilized for Australian games.

The Tramway Ground, as a result of the previous year's draining and the attention given to it during the season, was in splendid playing order and no complaints have been received. Unfortunately the attempt to erect the new foot ball on the result that Tramway Ground will not be used for football in the future. Young Wallend Ground is now in use the major portion of the year and the receipts from this ground were greatly increased. Another playing area has been made and now with seed and will be in use during the coming season.

Weston Ground was used by the Association on four occasions and to the balance sheets above, a large amount of revenue was received. A new departure was made in the venue of grounds for semi-finals—one being played at Weston. The venture was a big success.

The Association appreciates the generosity of the Weston club in allowing the use of the ground for Association games.

NEW GROUNDS

After a great deal of difficulty, a new ground has been secured at New Lambton for the sum of £3675. The Special Meeting of the Association, held on 22nd December 1975, altered the rules of the Association, giving the trustees power to mortgage the ground and plan it to order.

The sum of £2000 is being paid to the Association for certain levels, bushes, and the total cost of removing stumps, extending mown, fencing, etc., will be practically covered by the above amount. The seating faces to now erected and the draining of the ground will be completed and the ground prepared in time to commence our next season's playing. A full report will be made at the annual meeting.

REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION

The Referees' Association has rendered the code very valuable assistance. The officers of the Association are—president, Mr. J. H. Sanderson; treasurer, Mr. B. Lums; secretary, Mr. F. Harvey. During the year State Examinations were held and four members of the Referees' Association were successful in passing; Messrs. J. H. Sanderson, J. Nicholson, C. Hill and F. Harvey. To these members we offer our congratulations.

FINANCE.

The receipts for the year total £6143 17s 9d, gate receipts amounting to £4343 5s 3d an increase over last year's gate money of £748 7s. The expenditure totals £5349 13s, leaving a credit balance of £794 4s 9d. The principal items of expenditure were £2014 11s 1d paid to N.S.W. as percentage of gates. Percentage to clubs, £529 19s, allowances to clubs, £280, 19s 6d; rental ground £116 17s 4d, taxation, £311 10s 10; medals and engraving, £190 6s 6d; advertising, £139 17s 5d; entertaining, £153 14s 9d, referees and gatekeepers, £254 13s. The auditors, Cromarty and Turner estimate the Association assets at £2726 0 9d, being a decrease of £101 6s 8d against last year. This is accounted for by depreciation from the stand and fencing Tramway Ground, £157 18s; typewriter, £2 10s., total, £160 8s. The amounts paid to clubs with travelling allowances was £257 8s 4d in excess of the amount paid the previous season.

MANAGEMENT.

During the year, 33 committee meetings were held. The attendances were: A. A. Stirling (president) 28; S. Bush (treasurer), 31; P. J. Sheppard (hon. secretary), 33; A. Stewart, 28; W. Stevens, 31; J. Mulla, 26; F. Harvey, 32; and F. Lockyer, 27.

The committee have dealt with all matters that have come within their province and have given their decisions without fear or favour.

CHARITY.

Various charitable bodies have written thanking the Association for assistance during the year.

OBITUARY.

The sudden death of Mr. John Lewis, who managed the English team, fills us with regret, and to his relations and friends we offer our deepest sympathy.

THANKS.

To all club secretaries, committees and players we desire to express our thanks for their hearty co-operation and support. We also thank Mr. R. C. Sweeney for his generosity in donating the R. C. Sweeney Cup for competition.

We are also indebted to the press for the liberal amount of publicity they have given us.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we desire to thank all those persons who have assisted the executive in the discharge of their duties and we trust that in the coming year the Association will continue to gain and hold the public favour that it has in the past.

A. A. STIRLING, President.

S. BUSH, Hon. Treasurer.

P. J. SHEPPARD, Hon. Secretary.

On Leaving a Garden

As we get older we find that life is made up of leaving things behind.

Frequently, of course, things and people leave us behind. Yesterday is always with us.

And more yesterday's crowd upon us as we find the advancing years, not creeping in their petty pace from day to day, but galloping with the awful relentlessness of the swift tide as it invades the shore.

Who among us cannot pause for a moment and recall lost friendships? Hallowed memories rise as we remember days and experiences no longer ours.

Not only do these broken associations refer to human ties-loved ones no more among us, smiles gone and harty voices lost forever-but they take their toll of those apparently inanimate things that form the warp and weft of our lives.

Looking back, we are often inclined to think that life is made up of regrets because of things that we have lost. We grow sad as we recall days and people that are no more.

THIS SHOULD NOT BE.

All is recorded on the scroll of time and imprinted on the hearts of many others who have, in varying fashions, benefitted by what you have put into their lives.

So, sadness of parting gives place to a deeper appreciation of life and its meaning.

Take heart if age has crept upon you or disability has laid you aside or friends are not so numerous as once they were.

Nothing has been lost.

All is preserved in the vast, gentle heart of the universal life

1925 Season

President. A.A. Stirling and J. Karp
Vice President. A.A. Stewart
Secretary. P.J. Shepperd
Assist. Secretary. W. Stevens
Treasurer. S. Bush.

1925 Northern District Management Committee



Standing: F Lockyer, F Harvey, J Mills
Seated: W Stevens, A A Stewart, A A Stirling, P J Shepherd, S Bush

English Professional team to Tour.
The Football Association has decided that it was time
that a team representing England should show the flag
in Australia. Great news indeed.

Ellis Cup Series (Results)

1925 Ellis Cup	Adelaide	Cannock	Kurr Kurri	Neath	Newcastle	New Lambton	Wallaseed	West Wallaseed	Weston	Points
Adelaide	X	1-0, 2-2	3-3, 1-3	5-1, L/F	3-0, 4-0	2-1, 3-1	1-1, 5-0	2-2, 1-3	2-0, 2-1	22
Cannock	2-2, 0-1	X	1-4, 1-2	1-2, 3-2	5-0, 6-1	3-2, 1-0	2-1, 1-3	1-1, 0-3	6-0, 1-2	16
Kurr Kurri	3-3, 3-1	4-1, 2-1	X	2-2, 1-1	1-2, 6-1	6-0, 2-2	3-0, 0-1	0-0, 2-3	1-0, 4-1	22
Neath	W/F, 1-5	0-3, 2-1	1-1, 0-2	X	0-7, 1-3	2-0, 2-3	2-1, 2-2	0-1, 0-2	0-5, 3-2	12
Newcastle	0-3, 0-4	0-5, 1-6	2-1, 1-8	7-0, 3-1	X	1-3, 2-2	0-4, 0-2	0-5, 0-7	1-4, 0-6	7
New Lambton	1-2, 1-3	0-1, 2-3	0-6, 2-2	0-2, 3-2	3-1, 2-2	X	2-3, 1-3	0-1, 2-5	2-4, 3-2	8
Wallaseed	1-1, 0-5	1-2, 3-1	0-3, 1-0	2-2, 1-2	4-0, 2-0	3-2, 3-1	X	1-3, 0-1	1-2, 0-0	15
West Wallaseed	2-2, 3-1	1-1, 3-0	0-0, 3-2	1-0, 2-0	5-0, 7-0	1-0, 5-2	3-1, 1-0	X	1-1, 5-1	28
Weston	0-2, 1-2	0-6, 2-1	1-4, 0-1	5-0, 2-3	4-1, 6-0	2-3, 4-2	2-1, 2-2	1-1, 1-5	X	14

1925 Season

The Premiership drew nine entries with New Lambton being promoted after their success in the 1924 season.

Kurri Kurri proved to be one of the most improved teams in the competition. The club imported J. Beddow, J. Stewart, and W. Stewart from Adamstown, as well as J. McCrae from Granville and Boxer Goodwin and Pat Cahill. Besides three English players who had recently arrived from England and gained employment in the Coalmines were quickly snapped up by the Kurri Kurri Club, they were H. England, T. McNabb, and S. Kidd.

In the first semi final

Adamstown 1 v Kurri Kurri 0
At the Homestead 24/10/1925.

A. Smith
A. Lambert
A. Harris
L. Bailey
J. Bush
P. Doyle
H. Johns →
A. Cameron
G. Russell
D. McAllister
A. Dunne(1)



Pat Cahill
J. Beddow
R. Bower
H. Wilson
T. McNabb
S. Wells
N. Price
J. McCrae
A. Phillips
S. Garland
S. Kidd

Referee Fred Harvey

In the second semi final at the Tramway ground 31/10

Cessnock 1 v West Wallsend 0
G. Bower
G. Williams
J. Rollo
G. Slarks
W. Carroll
J. Wilson
C. Williams
P. Lennard
J. Tonner(1)
H. Otto
R. McNaughton

Wally McKenzie
H. Muir
C. James
Dave Kaiser
Ern Richardson
Les Brown
Di McLaughlin
W. "Podge" Maunder
Frank Coolahan
Clarrie Coutts
H. James

Referee S. Smith

The lateness of the season did not stop a big crowd turning to see the final, where both teams gave the crowd value for money.

Cessnock 2 v Adamstown 1
Tramway Ground

G. Bower
G. Williams
J. Rollo
G. Slarks
E. Hodge
G. Rowe
E. Wilson
P. Lennard(1)
H. Otto
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R. McNaughton(1)

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1925 Season

In the second semi final

Adamstown

4 v Cessnock

0

A. Smith

G. Bower

Fielding

G. Williams

A. Harris

J. Losely

A. Lambert

G. Slarks

J. Bailey

E. Hodge

J. Bush(1)

E. Williams

P. Doyle

J. Harden

H. Johns

P. Leonard

A. Cameron(1)

J. Rollo

G. Russell(1)

A. Thomson

J. Denton

G. Lowe

A. Dunne

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The Final of the Kerr Cup

Adamstown

9 v Weston

2

Tramway Ground

A. Smith

Bobby Austin

Art Lambert

G. Grant

Arch Harris

J. Maloney

L. Bailey

J. Liddle

J. Bush

Jack Avis

Peter Doyle(1)

R. McDonald

H. Johns(1)

E. Tate(1)

Alec Cameron

G. Richardson

Gavin Russell(3)

J. McCroarey

Dave McAllister(4)

Jack Mannion (1)

A. Dunne

J. Straker

Referee Bede Pratten

Gardiner Cup Final

Adamstown

2 v Cessnock

0



Badge
Pale Blue
Red Writing

1925 Season

The reserve grade competition in point score order read.
 Wallsend(14)West Wallsend(13)Adamstown(6)New Lambton(5)
 Newcastle/Hamilton(2).

Third Grade

Holmesville(27)Teralba and Minmi(21)Cardiff(19)
 Dudley(18)Islington(9)Boolaroo(8)

Fourth Grade, (A. Division)

Broadmeadow No.1 and Merewether Advance(20)
 Wallsend(19)Adamstown(15)Jesmond(15)Stockton(11)
 Newtown(9)Lambton(8)Broadmeadow No.2(6)
 New Lambton(5)Awaba(4)Newcastle/Hamilton(0)

Fourth Grade (B. Division)

Teralba(Undefeated)22)Boolaroo(19)West Wallsend(15)
 Catherine Hill Bay(No.1)15) Magpies(13)Charlestown(12)
 Holmesville(11) Barnsley(8)Dudley(7)
 Catherine Hill Bay No.2)6)

The U/18 competition saw Adamstown finish undefeated
 for the season

Adamstown(35)Merewether Advance(30)Jesmond(27)
 Hamilton(22)Newtown(18)Wallsend(16)New Lambton(16)
 Stockton(7)Mayfield(5)Newcastle/Hamilton(2)

The U/18 B. Division

Wallsend Kiara's(29)West Wallsend(27)
 Boolaroo No.1)23)Holmesville(18)Dudley(13)
 Adamstown(No.2)12)Rhondda(9)

U/16 Division

Summerhill(Undefeated 23)West Wallsend(22)Dudley(19)
 New Lambton(17)Young Wallsend(13)Cardiff(10)
 Newcastle/Hamilton(10)Adamstown(10)
 Merewether Advance(9)Jesmond(8)Broadmeadow(5)
 Catherine Hill Bay(5)Hamilton(5).

Kerr Cup

The First Semi Final saw

Weston	1 v Wallsend	0
Bobby Austin	Steve Tredinnick	
J. Farrey	G. Garraty	
J. Grant	Perce Moore	
J. Liddle	Ernie Owen,	
Jack Avis	W. Forrester,	
J. Maloney	Jonny Johnstone	
E. Tate	G. Hancock	
W. Donald	P. Davidson	
J. McCroarey	Rags Urwin	
Jack Mannion(1)	Eric Urwin	
J. Straker	J. Hodge	

Referee J. Sanderson

1925 Season

Newcastle United Soccer Football Club

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 T. Collins. W. Eggleston (Com) A. Pearce. F. Lockyer (Sec
 2nd Row. W. Stewart. W. Morgan. J. Wyld. J. Allen. H. Raybould.
 H. Hughes. A. Frew
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Wallsend - 1925



Standing. Tom Capewell. G. Rees. E. Urwin. D. Rees. W. Forrester.
 L. Gay. W. Walker. Jim Osborne. E. Richardson.
 Di Morgan. Ted Tiplady.
 Seated. A. Garraty. Rueb Coleman. Steve Tredinnick. L. Brown.
 Jack O'Brien. W. Pratten.

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1927 — 3rd, Under-18, Under-14

1928 — Reserve Grade, Under-14.

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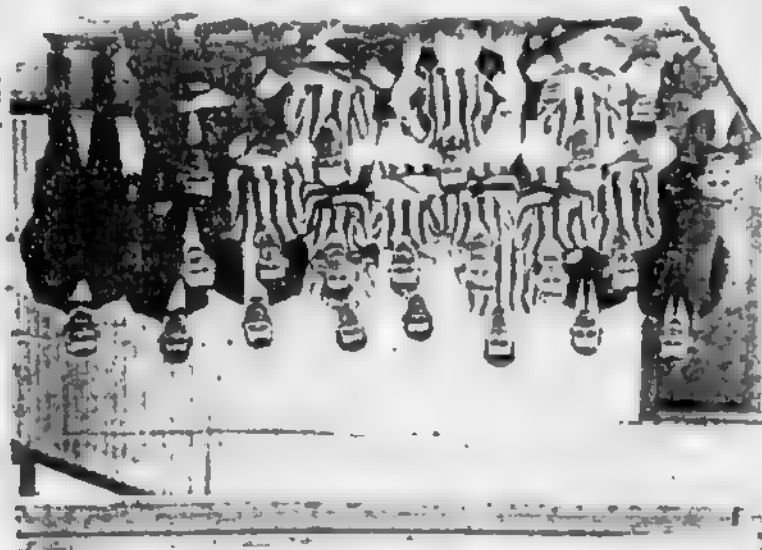
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SOCCER VISIT DEFINITE

All States Support Tour By England

The England Soccer team will tour Australia during the 1937 season.

This decision was made at the All-Australia Soccer conference, the proposal receiving the unanimous support of all States.

The tour will be managed by a select committee comprising Messrs. S. A. Storey (chairman), F. R. Druery (secretary), S. Grant, T. Hastie (N.S.W.), and representatives nominated by Queensland and Victoria.

England's team will arrive in Sydney about June 30.

Tentative Itinerary

A tentative itinerary provides for two Tests at Sydney and one in Brisbane, with a match against an Australian XI at Melbourne. Mid-week games will be played at Newcastle and Cessnock. The England team will also play at Adelaide and Perth on the homeward journey.

Application is to be made for the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 for the Tests.

Mr. S. A. Storey was re-elected chairman of the Australian Association for the 14th successive year.

The Australian selection committee comprises Messrs. S. A. Storey (chairman), F. R. Druery, S. J. Grant (N.S.W.), J. O. Wilshaw (Vic.), F. Johnson (S.A.), and A. Gibb (Q.). The new Australian Council is Messrs. J. O. Wilshaw (Vic.), W. Elson-Green (Q.), R. MacLaghlan (S.A.), R. H. Smith (Tas.), W. Beane (N.S.W.), and Claude Eayre (W.A.).

THE SOCCER BOOM IN NEWCASTLE

"Smith's" Looks Players Over

By J. N. SHERWOOD

"SMITH'S" Special Commissioner, J. N. Sherwood, who is visiting the Newcastle area to cover the Soccer matches of the week, is a journalist with a big experience of the game in England.

He has written up some of the greatest Association duels fought in England, Scotland, and Wales, including international engagements which usually draw from 80,000 to 100,000 spectators, and famous Cup battles.

His articles, while critical, will also be constructive, and should help young players in building up their game on correct lines.

This week he deals with the duel between West Wallsend, State champions, and their deadly rivals, Wallsend.

SOCCER primarily was meant to be played on mother earth—not in the air. Because West Wallsend recognizes this, I take it is the reason they are State champions.

Last season's best club combination in N.S.W. display, to a certain extent, the methods of such wonderful exponents as Peter McWilliam, Bobbie Walker, Finlay Speedie, and Bobbie Templeton, to name but a few famous Scots. So long as they continue to roll the ball along the turf they will always have a pull over more vigorous and weightier opponents who are apt to play balloon ball instead of football.

The difference between the West and their rivals was just this, that whereas the champions worked their openings with some constructive object in view, Wallsend were content to put plenty of boot behind the ball, and then go halter skelter for goal. There was more dash than technique, and while dash has been known to demoralize the greatest of teams—what of Newcastle United's defeat by the Wolves in the final of the English Cup—science wins in the long run.

The whole West side, considering it is but the second match of the season, knitted well together, the half-backs working in delightful harmony with the forwards, though at the same time there were occasions when the trio played too far down the field, leaving a gap between the two full-backs, which presented the Wallsend forwards with innumerable free runs.

Wests are more methodical and painstaking than the average side, and to me it is rather wonderful that these lads, who during the week work in the bowels of the earth, and in most cases come out of the pit on a Saturday morning and then turn out to participate in 80 minutes of strenuous football, should display such enthusiasm and vitality.

The same can be said of Wallsend, whose players in the main, while not such tacticians as their victors, finished as strongly as they started. They failed simply because they were prone to sky the ball. Their forwards had to gather a bouncing sphere, by which time the West defenders were on the scene.

If a ball is pushed forward in the air, it is a ten to one chance that the half-back in opposition will get there with his head before the forward, who invariably has to screw round to await the ball coming down. On the other hand, Coolahan, C. Coutts, and Richardson, the West half-backs, gathered the ball, drew the opposition, and then pushed it through with the inside of the boot.

Richardson, Ted Kaiser and Muir—a splendid wing pair—with low deceptive passes, and the left wing combination could not fail to shine. This trio, forming a sort of triangle, passed and interpassed with neat taps, which reminded me of the days when Charles Buchan, Mordue, and Frank Curry, of the famous Sunderland side, were the most dangerous wing trio in English League football.

True, there were certain weaknesses. For instance, the two backs, James and Woods, while sturdy kickers, did not appear to have a sound understanding with Coutts, the goalkeeper, who in turn was apt to rely too much on sky kicking when clearing.

Coutts should get out of the habit, he must gather the ball, and when he kicks, his objective must be to aim for one of the two touch lines. It is wrong to kick right down the centre of the field—even in place kicks.

Wests will make still further improvement, and if they are ousted from the top rung by any of their rivals in the North, then their displacement will speak highly of the talent in the district.

1925 Season

Northern District

0 v England 6

Newcastle Showground 13/6/1925

Bobby Austin(Weston)	J.E. Davison
Arch Harris(Adamstown)	S. Charlton
Henry Maunder(West Wallsend)(Capt)	C. Poynton
Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)	W. Caesar
Clarrie Coutts(West Wallsend)	J. Hamilton
Peter Doyle(Adamstown)	L. Graham
A.S. Wells(Kurri Kurri)	J. Walsh
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)	E. Simms(2)
J. McGroarey(Weston)	H.G. Batten(Capt)(2)
N. Price(Kurri Kurri)	W. Williams
Roy McNaughton(Cessnock)	C. Hannaford(2)

Referee W.A. Wright

Newcastle XI

0 v England 3

P. Jordan(New Lambton)	Hardy
Arch Harris(Adamstown)	Spencer
Art Lambert(Adamstown)	Hannah
L. Bailey(Adamstown)	Sage(1)
Clarrie Coutts(West Wallsend)	Hamilton
Peter Doyle(Adamstown)(Capt)	Graham
A. Dunne(Adamstown)	Walsh(Capt)(1)
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)	Simms(1)
W. Craig(Wallsend)	Batten
Les Brown(Wallsend)	Williams
H. Johns(Adamstown)	Seymour

Referee W.A. Wright

South Maitland

1 v England 4

Bobby Austin(Weston)	H. Hardy
Jim Farrey(Weston)	C.W. Spencer
G. Williams(Capt)Cessnock	J. Hannah
J. Liddle(Weston)	W. Caesar(1)
Eddie Hodge(Cessnock)	W. Sage(Capt)
Jack Avis(Weston)	C. Hannaford
C. Williams(Cessnock)	J. Elkes(1)
J. McGroarey(Weston)	H.G. Batten
Perce Lennard(Cessnock)	W. Williams(1)
Jack Mannion(Weston)	G.S. Seymour(1)
Roy McNaughton	L. Graham

Referee Fred Harvey Cessnock 15/7/1925.

New South Wales

1 v England 4

Sydney Showground 30/6/1925

G. Cartwright(Balmain Gladstone)	Hardy
C. Leadbeater(Sydney)	Charlton
A. Druery(Sydney)	Poynton
Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)	Hannah
A. Edwards(Granville)	Spencer
H. Spurway(Granville)	Graham
Stan Bourke(Granville)	Hannaford
T. Green(Kurri Kurri)	Simms(1)
Judy Masters(Capt)Balgownie	Batten(2)
Titch Thompson(Balgownie)	Elkes(Capt)
Roy McNaughton(1)Cessnock	Seymour(1)

Referee W.A. Wright

1925 Season

England Tour Details.

7/5/1925	Perth	0 v	England	8
9/5/1925	West Australia	0 v	"	7
14/5/1925	South Australia	0 v	"	10
16/5/1925	Australian XI	1 v	"	4
21/5/1925	Victoria	0 v	"	7
23/5/1925	Australian XI	0 v	"	5
30/5/1925	NSW	2 v	"	3
3/6/1925	Metropolitan	1 v	"	3
6/6/1925	South Coast	0 v	"	8
8/6/1925	NSW	1 v	"	4
13/6/1925	Northern Districts	0 v	"	6
17/6/1925	Ipswich	0 v	"	3
20/6/1925	Queensland	0 v	"	11
24/6/1925	North Coast	0 v	"	9
27/6/1925	Australia 1 Test	1 v	"	5
29/6/1925	Toowoomba	0 v	"	6
4/7/1925	Australia 2nd Test	1 v	"	2
8/7/1925	Newcastle	0 v	"	3
11/6/1925	Australia 3rd Test	2 v	"	8
15/7/1925	South Maitland	2 v	"	8
18/7/1925	Australia 4th Test	0 v	"	5
21/7/1925	Granville District	1 v	"	6
25/7/1925	Australia 5th Test	0 v	"	2
1/8/1925	West Australia	1 v	"	5
3/8/1925	West Australia	1 v	"	5

England Players.

H. Hardy	(Stockport County)
J.E. Davison	(Sheffield Wednesday)
C. Poynton	(Tottenham Hotspurs)
T. Whittaker	Arsenal
S. Charlton	(Exeter City)
C.W. Spencer	(Newcastle United)
J.H. Hannah	(Norwich City)
L. Graham	(Millwall)
W.C. Caesar	(Dulwich Hamlet)
J. Hamilton	(Crystal Palace)
G.S. Seymour	(Newcastle United)
W. Sage	(Tottenham Hotspurs)
J. Elkes	(Tottenham Hotspurs)
H.G. Batten	(Plymouth Argyle)
E. Simms	(Stockport County)
C. Hannaford	(Clapton Orient)
J. Walsh	(Liverpool)
W. Williams	
John Lewis	
M.C. Frowle	
M. Atherton	(Blackburn Rovers)

1925 England Touring Team



Back Row. J. Hannah. C. Poynton. M. Atherton. S. Charlton.
S. Seymour
2nd Row. C. Hannaford. W. Williams. W. Caesar. J. Hamilton.
J. Elkes. C. W. Spencer. W. Sage. T. Whittaker.
Front. J. E. Davidson. H. G. Batten. E. Simms. M. C. Frowle.
J. Lewis. L. Graham. J. Walsh. H. Hardy.

1925 Season

7/5/1925

May.	0 v England	8
Perth	J.E. Davison	
Marr	S. Charlton	
Polie	T.J. Whittaker	
Hinton	J. Hannah	
Gentry	J. Hamilton	
Warden	W. Caesar	
Davis	C. Hannaford	
Utting	W. Sage	
Cruickshank	J. Elkes	
Newall	G. Batten	
Badham	E. Simms	
J. Gordon		

West Australia

9/5/1925

0 v England 7

H. Bowland	H. Hardy
R. Utting	S. Charlton
T. Boyle	C. Poynton
H. Boyes	J. Hannah
T. Finlayson	C. Spencer
C. Martin	L. Grahame
H. Bubb	C. Hannaford
A. Gordon	W. Williams
W.A. Gardener	*E. Simms
T. Nesbitt	J. Elkes
J. Gordon	*G. Seymour

Referee Papworth

Adelaide

14/5/1925

0 v England 10

Syd Gibson
 Mitchell
 David
 Rennie
 Addie
 Venn
 R. Cameron
 Denman
 McQueen
 Crogan
 Gore

South Australia

0 v England 10

Syd Gibson	H. Hardy (Capt)
Mitchell	T. Whittaker
Gibbs	C. Poynton
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Gore	C. Spencer
Addie	* J. Hamilton
Venn	W. Sage
R. Cameron	J. Walsh
Denman	H. Batten
McQueen	W. Williams
Robertson	S. Seymour
Reserves	
David	
Oppenshaw, Jammison.	

1925 Season

Australian XI 1 v England 4
Adelaide 16/5/1925

Pilgrim(S.Aust)	J.E.Daison
Mitchell(S.Aust)	S.Charlton
Aiken(Vic)	C.Poynton
Boyes(W.Aust)	S.Grahame
Gore(S.Aust)	J.Hamilton
Norman(Vic)	W.Caesar
Greaves(S.Aust)	W.Sage
Honeysett(Tasmania)	H.Batten
Denman(S.Aust)	T.Whittaker
McQueen(S.Aust)	J.Elkes
Gardner(S.Aust)Penalty)	C.Hannafor

Referee R.G.Gildes.

Australian XI 0 v England 3

Robinson(Vic)	Hardy
Mitchell(S.Aust)	Whittaker
Aiken(Vic)	Royston
Bristow(Vic)	Hamilton
Ritchie(Vic)	Spencer
Morrison(Vic)	Grahame
Honeysett(Tasmania)	Hannafor
Raith(Vic)	Simms
W"Podge"Maunders(West Wallsend)	Walsh
Orr(Vic)	Batten
R.McNaughton(Cessnock)	Seymour

Referee A.McLeod.

23/5/1925

Programm - Public Reception, 29th May, 1925



N.S.W. and Metropolitan Soccer Football Association

In the presence of His Excellency the Governor

SIR DUDLEY de CHAIR, K.C.B., M.V.O., R.N.

Public Reception

of the Representative Team of

English Soccer Footballers

TOWN HALL, SYDNEY

Friday Evening, May 29th, 1925

Chairman Hon. Hugh D. McIntosh, M.L.C.

Community Singing.

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Assisting Artists

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1925 Season

Metropolitan

1 v England

3

Sydney Showground 3/6/1925

E. Aitchison (Granville)	S. Charlton
F. Gallen (Balmain)	J. Elkes
S. Robinson (Pyrmont)	W. Sage
C. O'Connor (Eastern Subs)	G. Batten
Gil Storey (Capt) (Balmain)	C. Hannaford
S. Peel (Eastern Subs)	J. Walsh
A. Burns (Canterbury)	T. Whittaker
H. Winter (Granville)	J. Hannah
S. Alewood (Canterbury)	W. Caesar
F. Hancock (Balmain)	J. E. Davidson
H. Robertson (Gladesville Ryde)	J. Hamilton

Reserves

F. Anderson (Gladesville Ryde)
 E. Pont (Gladesville Ryde)
 J. Tranter (St George)
 G. McFarlane (Gladesville Ryde)
 C. Brennan (Balmain)

Referee Mr. Bates

Metropolitan Player F. Hancock score from a penalty.

New South Wales

2 v England

3

G. Cartwright (Bal-Gladestone)	Hardy
A. Druery (Sydney)	Charlton
Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)	Poynton
C. Leadbester (Sydney)	Hannah
A. Edwards (Granville)	Simms (1)
H. Spurway (Gladesville)	Batten (2)
S. Bourke (Granville)	Elkes
Perce Lennard (Cessnock)	Seymour
Judy Masters (Balgownie) (2) (Capt)	Spencer
Titch Thompson (Balgownie)	Graham (Capt)
Roy McNaughton (Cessnock)	Hannaford

Teams are not in correct playing positions.

Match played at Sydney Showground.

Referee W. A. Wright.

New South Wales

1 v England

4

8/6/1925

G. Cartwright (Balmain Gladestone)	H. Hardy
C. Leadbester (Sydney)	Charlton
A. Druery (Sydney)	Poynton
F. Coolahan (West Wallsend)	Hannah
A. Edwards (Granville)	Spencer
H. Spurway (Gladesville)	Grahame
S. Bourke (Granville)	Hannaford
T. Green (Kurri Kurri)	Simms
J. Masters (Capt) (Balgownie)	Batten
T. Thompson (Balgownie)	Elkes (Capt)
R. McNaughton (Cessnock)	Seymour

Referee W. A. Wright

New South Wales 2 v England 3
 Royal Agriculture Show Ground

30/5/1925

G Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)

A Duncry (Sydney)

Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)

C Leabeater (Sydney)

A Edwards (Granville)

H. Spurway (Gladstone Ryde)

S. Bourke (Granville)

Perce Lennard (Cessnock)

J Masters (Capt) (Belgownie)

J Thompson (Belgownie)

Roy Mc Naughton (Cessnock)

Reserves

B. Alchison (Granville)

Harris (Adamstown)

G. Stoney (Balmain)

B. Waldon (Granville)

H Hardy

L. Poynton

J Whittaker

L. Graham

C Spencer

W Sage

J. Belles

B. Simons (1)

Seymour

H. Batten (2)

Spencer

FINNAFORD

Referee W A Waight
 A W. Bates - L.R. Brown

Metropolitan v England 3
Sydney Showground
3/6/1925

B. Atcheson (Glenville)

J. Gallen (Balmain)

S. Robinson (Pyrmont)

L. O'Connor (Eastern Suburbs)

G. Storey (Capt) (Balmain)

S. Peel (Eastern Suburbs)

A. Burns (Canterbury)

H. Winter (Glenville)

A. Alewood (Canterbury)

J. Hancock (Balmain) (PENALTY)

H. Robertson (Gladstone Ryde)

Reserves

F. Anderson (Gladstone Ryde)

R. Pont (Gladstone Ryde)

J. Tranter (St George)

G. McFarlane (Gladstone Ryde)

C. Brennan (Balmain)

Referee A. W. Bates

S. Charlton

J. Elkes

W. Sage

G. Batten

C. Hannaford

J. Walsh

J. Whittaker

J. Hannah

W. Learer

J. Davison

J. Hamilton

** Teams are not in correct playing order

New South Wales 1 v England 4

8/6/1925

G Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)
 L. Leabean (Sydney)
 A Dancy (Sydney)
 Frank Coolahan (West Walland)
 A Edwards (Greenville)
 H Spenshaw (Gladstoneville Ryde)
 J. Bourke
 J. Green (M)
 J. Masters
 J. Thompson
 Roy McNa

Hardy
 Charlton
 Poynter
 Kennel
 Spencer
 Graham



The rival Captains shaking hands before the first New South Wales Match.

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New South Wales 1 v England 4

8/6/1925

G Cartwright (Belmain Gladstone)

L Teabeater (Sydney)

A Danvers (Sydney)

Frank Coolahan (West Wallend)

A Edwards (Granville)

H Spensway (Gladstone Ryde)

S Bourke (Granville)

J Green (Kewee Kewee)

J Masters (Capt) (Belgownie)

J Thompson (Belgownie)

Roy McNaughton (Lismore)

Referee W A Wright

Handy

Charlton

Poynton

Hennah

Spencer

Grahame

Hannaford

Simms

Batten

Elkes (Capt)

Seymour

Northern Districts 0 v England 6

Newcastle Showground 13/6/1925

Bobby Austin (Weston)
 Arch Harris (Adamstown)
 Henry Maunder (Capt) (West Wallsend)
 Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)
 Charlie Coutts (West Wallsend)
 Peter Doyle (Adamstown)
 A. G. Allen (Koon Koon)

J. Samson
 Charlton
 Poynton
 Caesar
 Hamilton
 Grahame
 Walsh

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11925 Season

13/6/1925

First Northern Districts side vs England - 1925



Standing. J. Nicholson (Lines) J. Beddow, P. Doyle, A. Harris
 C. Coutts, H. Maunder (Capt) L. Brown, R. Austin,
 J. Sanderson (Lines)
 Seated W. A. Wright (Ref) F. Coolahan, R. Wells, A. Cameron
 J. McCroarey, N. Price, R. McNaughton

"At the conclusion of the tour, the English manager, Mr Frowle, while being interviewed by the Labour Daily Newspaper, said that the most outstanding player for Australia had been the youthful Cessnock winger, Roy McNaughton "whose work on the wing was an object lesson to all players".

Should he ever decide to come to England, he would not have any trouble in winning a place in any of the big First League teams," remarked the English expert. Great praise indeed for such a young player. There have been few finer sporting areas in Australia than that embracing Newcastle and the Cessnock-Coalfields.

The Book Of Football

1925 Season

Fourth Test was played at Sydney Showground 18/7/1925

Australia

O v England

5

G. Cartwright (Balmain)

J. Hannah

Arch Harris (Adamstown)

S. Charlton

S. Robinson (S. Aust)

J. Hamilton

Gil Storey (Balmain)

C. W. Spencer

Art Lambert (Adamstown)

L. Graham

Harry Spurway (Gladesville)

J. Walsh

A. Burns (Canterbury)

E. Simms (2)

Perce Lennard (Cessnock)

H. G. Batten (2)

Judy Masters (Balgownie)

J. Elkes (1)

Titch Thompson (Balgownie)

C. Hannaford

Roy McNaughton (Cessnock)

H. Hardy

Reserves

C. E. Atchison (Sydney)

R. Gallen (Balmain)

Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)

E. Waldron (Sydney)

Referee W. A. Wright

A. W. Bates C. R. Brown

**Would you please note that Perce Lennard (Cessnock) L. Graham (England) were each awarded medals for the best and fairest players. The medals were donated by Mr. Jack Kerr, former Granville and Pyrmont Rangers player of 1886 for the 4th test.

Northern Districts O v England 6

Newcastle Showground 13/6/1925.

Bobby Austin (Weston)	J. Dawson
Arch Harris (Adamstown)	Charlton
Henry Maunders (Capt) (West Wallsend)	Poynton
Frank Coolehan (West Wallsend)	Caesar
Clarris Loutts (West Wallsend)	Hamilton
Peter Doyle (Adamstown)	Grahame
A. S. Wells (Kuroi Kuroi)	Walsh
Alec Cameron (Adamstown)	Simons (2)
J. Mc Croary (Weston)	Batten (Capt) (2)
R. Paine (Cessnock)	Williams
Roy Mc Naughton (Cessnock)	Hennaford (2)

Referee W. A. Wright

Illawarra

v England

G Richardson
P. Hunter
A. Duncanson
J. Gerling
A. Creighton
W. Cheney
J. Burns
P. Green
J. Masters
J. Mc Kay
J. Thompson

Referee H. Reay.

Australia 1 v England 5

Brisbane 27/6/1925

1st Test.

G. Castwright (Balmain Gledeston)

F. Gallen (Balmain)

A. B. Murray (Queens)

Ernie Owen (Walland)

G. Storey (Balmain)

A. Edwards (Granville)

A. Bourke (Granville)

Perce Lennard (Lennock)

J. Mc Crovey (Weston)

Les Brown (West Walland)

Roy Mc Naughton (Lennock)

Referee ...

Handy

Charlton

Spencer

Graham

Simons

Hennaford

Hamilton

Blkes

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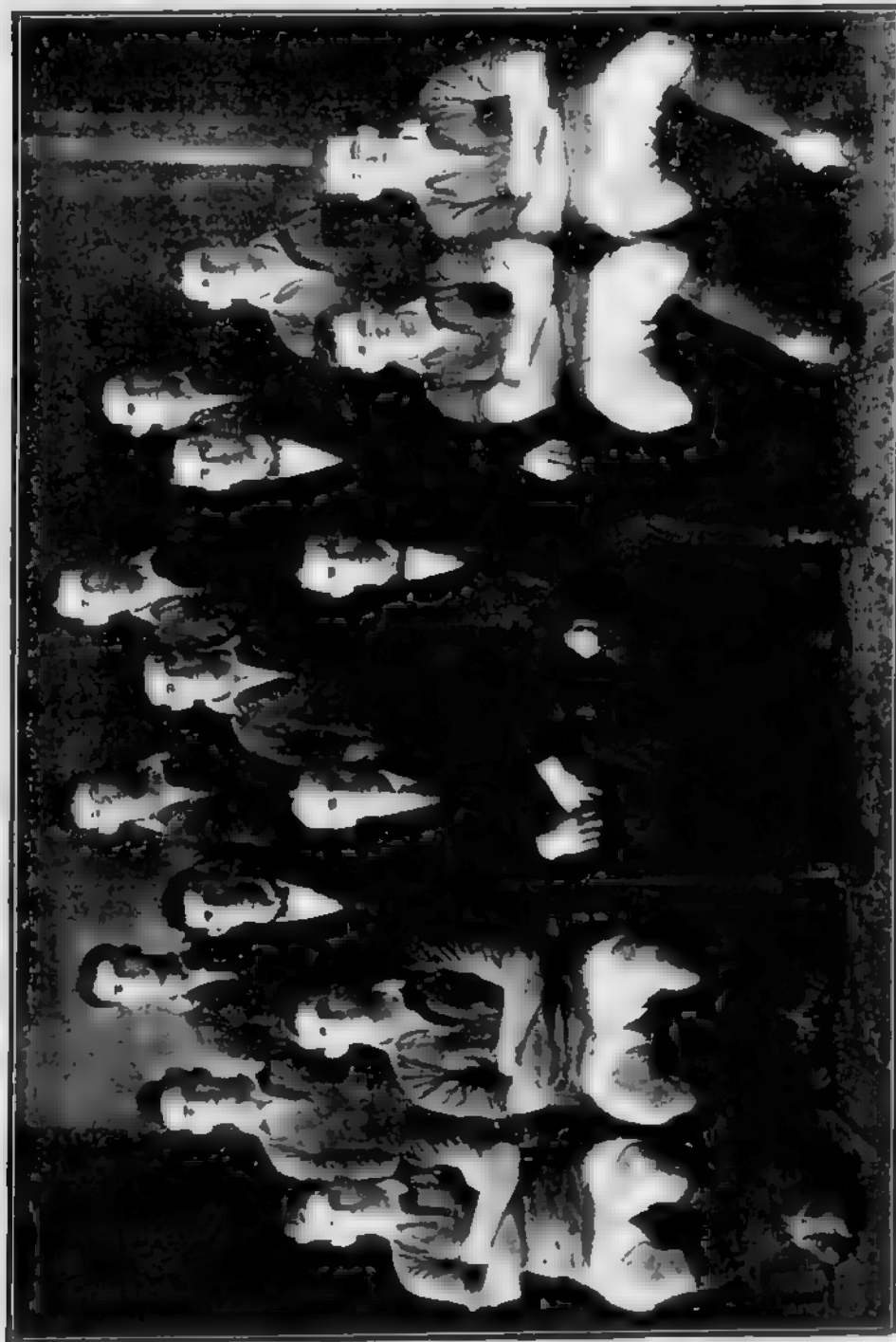
Seymour

Paynter

* * We have the Autographed Ball used in this match

The English manager Mr John Lewis Refused to number their players

AUSTRALIAN RUGGER TEAM. FIRST TEST V. ENGLAND, BRISBANE, 25th JUNE, 1923.



Front Row.—S. Bourke, A. Edwards (Capt.), T. A. Langridge (Australian Trainer), S. A. Storey (Chairman), An. Trellan, A. G. O'Brien.
 Second Row.—A. E. Murray, J. Jockles (Association Manager), G. Cartwright, J. S. Hildreth (Aussie Selector), R. Gibson.
 Third Row.—F. Gallen, L. Brown, G. Storey, F. Leonard. **OWEN ABSENT**

Australia 1 v England 5

Brisbane 27/6/1925

1st Test.

G. Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)

F. Gallen (Balmain)

A. B. Murray (Queens)

Boris Owen (Walland)

G. Storey (Balmain)

A. Edwards (Granville)

A. Bouake (Granville)

Peter Lennard (1) Lennock

J. McCreary (Weston)

Les Brown (West Walland)

Roy McNaughton (Lennock)

Referee ...

Handy

Charlton

Spencer

Grechame

Simons

Hennaford

Hamilton

Elkes

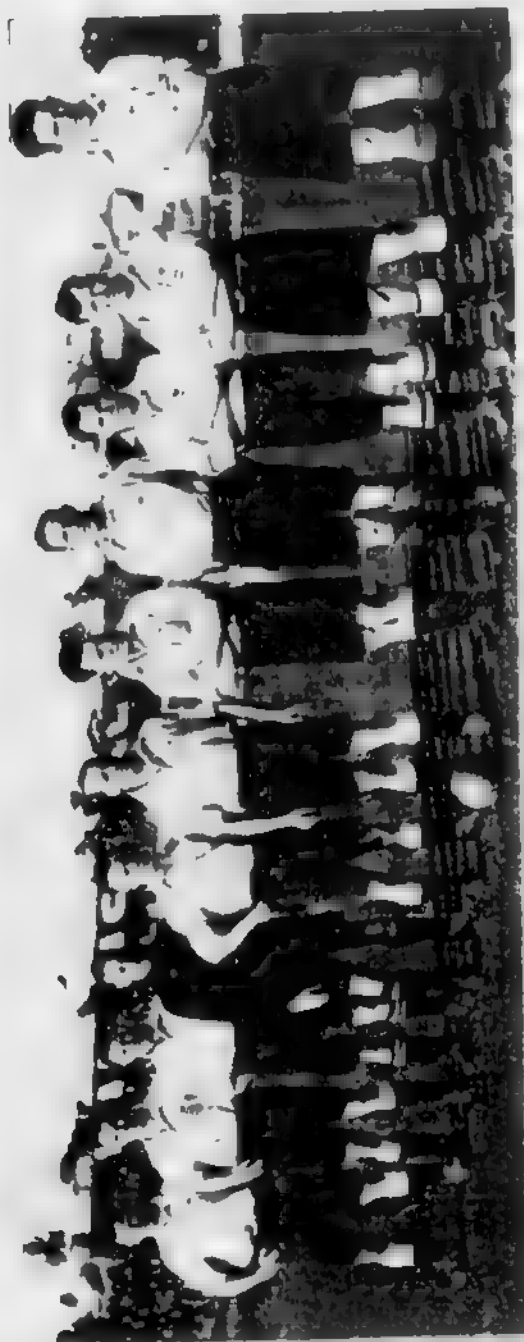
Batten

Seymour

Poynton

** We have the Autographed Ball used in this match

I The English Manager Mr John Lewis Refused to number their players



THE FIVE NATIONS.

S. Charlton, C. Spencer, L. Graham, H. Hardy, C. Hammond, E. Symms, J. Hamilton, J. Elkes, H. G. Batten, R. Seymour, C. Poxton.

PENALTIES NOT CONVERTED.

It was a remarkable coincidence that both sides failed to convert their penalty kicks last Saturday in the big test game.

Spencer handled inside the penalty area, and Referee Wright did not hesitate in giving his decision. Then followed a most unsatisfactory series of incidents.

The visitors protested against the ruling, and play was held up for some time. Edwards placed the ball in position to take the kick.

There appeared to be "chipping" by several of the English players, and Edwards ordered McNaughton to take the penalty. The Cessnock winger shot the ball over the bar with a terrific drive.

With the score level, one goal each, a goal at this stage would have been the turning point in the game.

Gallen gave away a penalty kick to prevent what looked a certain score, but Elkes made a weak attempt with the shot. He sent the ball direct at Cartwright for the goalkeeper to deflect over the bar.

Australia's Skill in Soccer

(By J.F.B.)

What a great thing it would be if Australian Soccerites were able to declare, "Australia ~~is~~ the world in Soccer!" There are a great many who, no doubt, would discountenance the possibility of such ambition and write it down as unduly optimistic and exalted. But why should it be so considered? What are the essentials towards accomplishing this laudable desire? It is acknowledged that we have the material available for the construction of a team which, under able and expert tuition, could accomplish the task of becoming world beaters. Most people are well aware that Australians have never allowed that there is anything in the way of skill and application that Australians cannot excel in.

Australians are capable of the highest in all avenues of sport, and should not be satisfied in the Soccer section with anything else.

In the matter of preparing our players, we want not only club and association officials to realize the importance of training, but players to accept the fact that to excel in Soccer diligent application to ball practice and specially designed exercises is imperative. If there is close co-operation by all concerned in this regard, the path of progress in this line of endeavour will be opened up in such a way that it will not be departed from until finally the world's acknowledgment of Australian success will be recorded.

Enterprise in connection with the thorough preparation of our players should function otherwise than in clinching the argument that Australians should aim for the

topmost peak of international success in Soccer.

There is nothing that Australians cannot do, so there is no need for faint heart in tackling the task of fitting sprightly Australians with approved scientific methods to overcome the vaunted strength of powerful adversaries. Our incumbent duty is to see that our players have a fair chance of development. Let them have every chance to develop into strong and proficient players by providing incentives that will make them independent of those misguided people attached to the code who would smother our national ambitions for the advancement of purely local club interests.

It is probably necessary that there should be some adjustment to secure for players a fair remuneration for the time devoted to preparation for participation in games which attract capacity audiences to Australia's playing grounds. Before we can be assured of the continuity of that support we must demonstrate our Soccer ability. If we attain a standard equal to that of the present English team there will always be a plentiful supply of the necessary finance provided by delighted patrons. Until the attainment of that standard is accomplished, let all genuine well-wishers of the code in Australia, and Sydney in particular, co-ordinate their efforts in the direction of tutoring our players in the finer points of the game, instead of placating them with specious promises which may never, under existing conditions, be possible of redemption.

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New South Wales 1 v England 4

Sydney Showground 30/6/1925

G. Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)	Hardy
L Leadbeater (Sydney)	Charlton
A Bensus (Sydney)	Poynton
Frank Coolahan (West Wallbund)	Henach
A Edwards (Granville)	Spencer
H. Spunaway (Granville)	Graham
A Bourke (Granville)	Hannaford
J Green (Kuon Kuon)	Simms (1)
James "Judy" Masters (Capt) (Balgownie)	Batten (2)
Tom "Titch" Thompson (Balgownie)	Elkes (Capt)
Roy McNaughton (1) (Leamoch)	Seymour (1)
Referee W.A. Wright	

Early match to N. S. W. v England
30/6/1925

Metropolis	v	South Coast
E. Atchison (Granville)		G. Richardson
F. Gallen (Balmain)		L. Hunter
S. Robinson (Pyrmont)		G. Starling
C. O'Connor (East Suburbs)		J. Garling
G. Storey (Balmain)		H. Cunningham
A. Peel (East Suburbs)		N. Cheney
A. Burns (Canterbury)		J. Burns
H. Sherringham (Sydney)		J. Suddick
E. Waldon (Granville)		H. G. Ward
F. Mellis-Smith (St George)		J. Mackay
G. MacFarlane (Gladstone Ryde)		W. Kerr
Reserves		Reserves
F. Anderson (Gladstone Ryde)		J. Jardine
W. Brown (Eastern Suburbs)		R. Critcher
J. Inanier (St George)		H. Johnston
C. Brennan (Balmain)		J. Gibson
H. Robertson (Gladstone Ryde)		

Australia 1 v England 2

Sydney 4/7/1925 (2ND TEST)

G Cartwright (Balmain Gladstone)	J Davison
W Faulkner (South Aust)	Charlton
H Spurway (Gladstone Ryde)	Spencer
A Edwards (Greenwell)	Sage
L O'Connor (St George)	Hamilton
H Sherringham (Sydney)	Grahame
S Bourke (Greenwell)	Hornaford
Percy Lennard (Lennard)	Simons (Capt) (1)
James "Judy" Masters (Balgownie)	Batten
G Smith (1) (Cornwall)	Elkes (1)
Roy McNaughton (Lennard)	Seymour

Referee W.A. Wright

** Would you please note McNaughton Australia,
and Elkes England both missed Penalties.

Both Teams are not necessarily in correct positions.

1925 Australia 2nd Test Team



Back Row. A. Thompson, F. Gallen, H. Spurway, R. McNaughton
2nd Row. T. A. Langridge (Trn) S. Robinson, G. Smith,
C. O'Connor, H. Sherringham.
Sitting. W. Faulkner, E. A. Edwards (Capt) P. Lennard
S. Bourke.

(Inset) G. Cartwright)

Newcastle XI

0 v England
8/7/1925

3

P Jordan (New Lambton)
Arch Harris (Adamstown)
Art Lambert (Adamstown)
L Bailey (Adamstown)
Bernie Coult (West Wallend)
P Doyle (Capt) (Adamstown)
A Dunne (Adamstown)
Alec Cameron (Adamstown)
W Craig (Wallend)
Les Brown (Wallend)
H. Johns (Adamstown)

Hardy
Spencer
Hannah
Sage (i)
Hamilton
Grahame
Wash (Capt) (i)
Simons (i)
Batten
Williams
Seymour

Referee W A Wright.

1925 Season

The third test was played at the Maitland Showground.
July 11th 1925

Australia	2 v	England	8
G. Cartwright (Balmain Glad)		C. Hannaford	
W. Faulkner (S. Aust)		J. Elkes	
F. Gallen (Balmain)		H. G. Batten	
H. Spurway (Gladesville)		E. Simms	
A. Edwards (Granville)		J. Walsh	
G. Storey (Balmain)		L. Graham	
Roy McNaughton (Cessnock)		C. W. Spencer	
Titch Thompson (Balgownie)		J. Hamilton	
Judy Masters (Balgownie)		J. Hannah	
Perce Lennard (Cessnock)		S. Charlton	
S. Bourke (Granville)		J. E. Davidson	

Referee J. Sanderson.

Please note England players are not in correct positions.

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Goal
F. Williams

MAITLAND
(BLACK & GOLD)
Goal
J. Winston

Backs:	Backs:
1. C. Saunders	1. J. Brown
2. J. Parkes (Lock)	2. R. Kellcher
Halves:	Halves:
3. W. Heaney	3. F. Lindsay
4. R. Severn (Lut)	4. — — Johnson
5. F. Ross	5. — — Brown
Forwards	Forwards
6. A. Thompson	6. — — Faulks
7. C. Williams	7. — — Smith
8. T. Walker	8. — — Barnett
9. A. Cramp	9. — — Sneddon
10. J. Haddon	10. — — Lonsmore
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A. Wiebe	
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England v. Australia



MAITLAND SHOWGROUND

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1925
AT 3 p.m.

INTERDISTRICT FIXTURES ..
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NEWCASTLE v. MAITLAND — at 1.30 p.m.

SCHOOLS FIXTURE

NEWCASTLE v. MAITLAND — at 12.15 p.m.

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The early match to the 3rd Test at Maitland Showground was between

Newcastle XI	0	v	Northern Coalfields	0
W Chapman			A Jones	
D. Rees			L Lloyd	
W Wood			B Hill	
R Liddle			J Gibson	
J Proudlock			L Atkinson	
J Wardle			J Rutherford	
W Cain			R Guren	
6/6 F. Sinclair			H Garland	
0/8 J Coates			J Simmons	
J Brown			A Brown	
F. Wells			F. Smith	

South Martland 1 v England
15/7/1925

4

Bobby Austin (Weston)
Jim Farney (Weston)
G. Williams (Capt) (Lennock)
J. Liddle (Weston)
Eddie Hodge (Lennock)
Jack Aves (Weston)
L. Williams (Lennock)
J. McCreary (Weston)
P. Leonard (Lennock)
J. Morrison (Weston)
R. McNaughton (Lennock)
Fred Harvey (Lennock)

Hardy
Spencer
Hannah
Caesar (1)
Sage (Capt)
Hannaford
Elkes (1)
Batten
Williams (1)
Seymour (1)
Grahams

Australia 0 v England 5

Sydney Showground 18/7/1925

4TH TEST

G. Cartwright (Balmain Gladesville)	Hannah
Arch Harris (Adamstown)	Charlton
S. Robinson (South Aust)	Hamilton
G. Storey (Balmain)	Spencer
Art Lambert (Adamstown)	Grahame
H. Spurway (Gladesville Ryde)	Welsh
A. Burns (Lantersburg)	Simms (2)
Perce Lennard (Cessnock)	Batten (2)
James "Judy" Maister (Belgownie)	Elkes (1)
Tom "Titch" Thompson (Belgownie)	Hannaford
Roy McNaughton (Cessnock)	Hardy
Reserves	
B. Atchison (Granville)	
F. Gallen (Balmain)	
Frank Coolahan (West Wallerend)	
B. Waldon (Sydney)	

Referee W.A. Wright

A.W. Bates - L.R. Brown

** Would you please note that Perce Lennard (Cessnock) + L. Grahame (England) were each awarded a medal for the best + fairest for each team.

The medals were donated by Mr Jack Kew former Granville + Pyrmont Rangers player of 1886

Barly matches

Interdistrict Schools Football

R. A. S. Ground. 18/7/1925

Metropolis v South Coast

Germe (Birchgrove)	Leishman (Woonona)
Woods (Bankstown)	Welsh (Woonona)
Young (Alexandria)	Gulks (Shirvale)
Nicholls (Bankstown)	Kelly (Port Kembla)
Strachan (Pyrmont)	Phillips (Balgownie)
Mc Guire (Orange Grove)	Smith (Colendale)
Dalley (Birchgrove)	Jones (Corrimal)
Byrdon (Birchgrove)	Critchley (Wollongong)
Mortimer (Annandale)	Murray (Woonona)
Palmer (Bankstown)	Hawdon (Wollongong)
Russell (Ryde)	Brodie (Wollongong)
Reserves.	Rosens
Oakley (Bankmeadow)	Barrowforth (Colendale)
Jackson (Birchgrove)	Love (Colendale)
Watts (Ultimo)	Lenham (Geelong)

Referee B. Ratcliffe.

Graffiti Juniors

v Metropolitan Juniors

W Doodson	
J Hoare	
J Greenhields	no
W Hawney	Team
W Watson	Supplied
L. Malcolm	
J. Wallis	
J Musgrove	
J. Hines (Capt)	
S. Hall	
J Hammond	
Reserves	
A Barker	
J. Caven	
F. Mc Intyre	

Referee J. Leighton
W Blakeley - H. S. Lockwell

West Australia 1 v England 5
Subiaco Oval Aug. 1925

Kirk	Davison
Nicholls	Hannah
Hinton	Charlton
Boyes	Grahame
Warden (Capt)	Spencer
Finlayson	Hamilton
Wilderapin	Walsh (1)
A Gordon (1)	Williams
Smart	Batten (Capt) (4)
Newall	Elkes
Gardner	Seymour

Referee J Formiston

* West Australia led (nil at Half time)

Add after 25/7/1925

Western Australia—Goal: Kirk; right back E. Nicholls; left back Hutton; right half Bovey; centre-half Warden (captain); left half Finlayson; outside-right Wilder; left inside-right A. G. Brown; right inside-left P. N. Vane; outside-left Gairdner; forward F. Kennedy.

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The Walsingham side were first to start, and they did so well, that they were able to get a goal in the first half. The game was very close, and scored five goals each. In the second half, the home side were firing towards the goal, finding the pace a bit better. The game was remarkable for the amount of head work shown by the Englishmen being amazingly clever in this respect, and of course, very deft with their feet. The crowd of 2000 present on the Babinec Oval were delighted with the home side's effort, local football appearing in a very favorable light. Each side introduced two fresh players, Davison keeping goal for England, and Seymour, the crack left wing, displacing a good man in Stamma. E. Nicholls took the place of Utling, who hurt his hand on Saturday, and Wilderspin was outside right in place of Chadwick. Warden played centre half, and the local changes worked out very well. The gate was £153. The teams were:—

who fully on their mettle, who quickly rushed down on the home goal, Seymour passing to Batten, who deftly scored, equalising. A little later Graham worked up a fast run on the left wing centre across the goal, and Walsh cleverly headed through with inches only to spare between his head and the post. The third goal came from the foot of that wonderfully clean goalkicker Batten who has piled up a big record for the tour. Later Seymour, with a lightning shot which struck the bar and as it came down Batten put it through. At times the Western Australian forwards attacked, and Davison had to clear. Kirk stopped a pearler from Batten, who later beat him with a beauty, the game ending

Batten scored four goals and Walsh one for England, and Gordon got one for Western Australia.

With hardly an exception the men in both teams played hard. Kirk was a good goalkeeper.

England wins Fifth Test

FINE GAME IN MUD

AUSTRALIA'S GREAT DEFENCE.

In defeating Australia in the fifth Test match at the Fitzroy Cricket Ground by 2 goals to nil the English team will return home with the honor of having won all 5 tests with a score of 23 goals against 4. The match on Saturday was the hardest fought game of the tour, and great credit is due to the Australian eleven in holding the visitors in check. The crowd was thrilled with the way each player controlled the ball, and the head work and short passing of the Englishmen was a feature of the play. Each man worked in co-operation with his partner, and there was an entire lack of selfishness. Eikes and Simms delighted the spectators with their wonderful footwork and bewildered the opposing half backs, but the defence cleverly kept the score down. England were awarded three penalty kicks, two of which were missed.

England won the toss and defended the Brunswick street goal. Robison, in the Australian goal, was tested during the first minute with a long shot from Eikes, and when Eccles (Australia) got away on the right wing Charlton easily cleared his line. England commenced a prolonged attack on the Australian goal, and Robison had two long shots to save, after which a centre from Walsh was handled by Aiken in the penalty area, and Batten, taking the spot kick, placed the ball wide. Twice the Englishmen were pulled up for offside when close in, and af-

ter Eccles had exhibited some pretty trickwork, Mitchell (Australia) cleverly frustrated his attempt to shoot "Handa" against the goal. The situation for Australia was not awkward until Eccles got away and forced a barren corner off Charlton. From a throw-in Phillips (Australia) neatly tapped the ball forward, and in a fast run along the touch line, Eccles trick-

ed on a and charged Hannah. The latter made a clever stop, and, gathering the ball, got England out of a dangerous position. The visitors did not tuck when Eikes and Robison, after brilliant individual work, put in shots which were ably stopped or diverted by other players. After 25 minutes England registered their first goal as the result of a penalty kick against Aiken, Charlton scoring with a fast grounder. Australia advanced from the centre kick and Davidson made an easy save when called upon. Loud cheering greeted the efforts of the Australian goalkeeper, Robison, when he made four saves in quick succession. England was awarded a second penalty kick when Mitchell brought Eikes down unfairly, but Graham shot high over the bar. A thrill came following another good run by Eccles, his centre being perfect, but Thompson, with an excellent chance to score for Australia shot wide. England eventually cleared their lines and were attacking at half-time. England 1; Australia, 0.

The second half opened with an attack by England, but the Australian full-backs, Mitchell and Aiken, nullified their efforts, and Robison was not troubled. Australia broke away, and a promising movement was spoiled when Masters got offside. Spencer (England) was pulled up for tripping Thompson, and Australia paid a brief visit to their opponents' quarters. They were quickly forced back, however, and goals for England looked certain, when Walsh continued to put across

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JACK MITCHELL.

A splendid Full-back of South Australia, who is thinking of coming to New South Wales in August.

Australia 0 v England 2
 Melbourne 25/7/1925
 5th Test

A Robinson (Vic)	Hardy
Mitchell (South Aust)	Hannah
Aiken (Vic)	Charlton
Morrison (Vic)	Caesar
A Edwards (Granville)	Spencer
H Spurrway (Gladesville Ryde)	Grahame
Eccles (Vic)	Walsh
A Phillips (Kurri Kurri)	Simms
James "Judy" Masters (Balgownie)	Batten
Tom "Titch" Thompson (Balgownie)	Bekas
Roy Mc Naughton (Lennox)	Williams
Reserves.	
Bristow (Vic)	
Ritchie (Vic)	
Honeysett (Tasmania)	
Raith (Vic)	
W "Podgi" Maunders (Wood Walland)	
J. Orr (Lennox)	
Charlie O'Connor (East Suburbs)	
Team to be finalised prior to Kick Off.	

Referee A McLeod

1925 Season

Player Register

Adamstown

A. Smith, Arch Harris, Art Lambert, L. Bailey, J. Bush,
Peter Doyle, H. Johns, Alec Cameron, Gavin Russell, H. Dent,
A. Dunne, D. McAllister, V. Turnbull

Cessnock

Merv Sternbeck, W. Thomson, G. Rennix, G. Rowe, G. Stokes,
H. Wilson, E. Williams, Perce Lennard, Eddie Hodge, A. Thomson,
Andy McNaughton, Roy McNaughton, J. Rollo, G. Williams,
G. Tonner, A. Lee, M. Kerr, G. Bower, J. Losely, W. Stoker,
H. Otto, W. Carroll, J. Rutherford, J. Murdock, W. Victor,
J. Harden, E. See.

Kurri Kurri

G. Goodwin, J. Stewart, W. Stewart, J. Beddow, A. Phillips,
W. Foley, S. Wells, H. Bennett, F. Wilson, R. Bower, J. McCrae,
A. McClusky, S. Kidd, T. McNabb, A. Garland, R. Simons, N. Price,
M. Allen, T. Green, S. Bagnall, Pat Cahill.

Weston

Bobby Austin, Tom Oliver, G. Grant, J. Farrey, Jack Avis,
J. Liddle, Andy Donald, W. Avis, G. Richardson, J. McCroarey
Jack Mannion, Jack Gilmore, J. Marriott, J. Maloney,
J. Williams, Waddingham

New Lambton

J. Davidson, J. Laverty, J. Findlay, J. Blair, R. Mitchell,
C. Slavin, G. Anderson, P. Jordan, G. Bricklow, H. Jordan,
H. Bott, F. Wilson, D. Morgan.

Newcastle/Hamilton

Tolhurst, J. McBeath, B. Morgan, H. Hughes, J. Martin,
J. Allen, E. Lewis, J. Wylde, E. Gill, J. Sturat, N. Collins
W. Moran, A. Bull, F. Reynolds.

Neath

W. Stoker, Alf "Ducky" Henwood, R. Harden, R. Jeffreys,
J. Kennedy, J. Bates, Taylor, N. Endean, J. Horne, R. Hughes
Tom Shakespeare, R. Bates, Morris, Hartley, Dolan,
R. Cockburn, Purcell, Powell, Baldwin, Jack Drinkwater,
B. Wyles.

Wallsend

J. Hodge, Eric Urwin, Rags Urwin, Ernie Owen, Dan Rees
Perce Moore, Jimmy Johnstone, W. Walker, F. Wells,
N. Hancock, J. Gilmore, Steve Tredinnick, Frank Garraty,
E. Connelly, R. Hughes, Joe Wardle, W. Miller, J. Frew,
W. Young, Fenwick, W. Forrester, P. Davidson, W. Craig
Keith Urwin.

1925 Season

West Wallsend

Jack Coutts, H. James, Henry Maunder, Frank Coolahan,
Clarrie Coutts, H. Muir, Di McLaughlin, G. Ross, Wal McKenzie
W. Erickson, Bill "Podge" Maunder, Les Brown, Clarrie James
Dave Kaiser, J. Smith, W. Smith, Frank Hayes, Ern Richardson

Teams and Grades.

Reserve Grade

Wallsend, West Wallsend, Adamstown, New Lambton,
Newcastle, Hamilton

3rd Grade

Holmesville, Teralba, Minmi, Cardiff, Dudley, Islington
Boolaroo.

4th Grade (A. Division)

Broadmeadow No. 1, Merewether Advance, Wallsend, Adamstown,
Jesmond, Stockton, Newtown, Lambton, Awaba, Awaba,
Broadmeadow No. 2, New Lambton.

4th Grade No. 2 Division

Teralba, Boolaroo, West Wallsend, Catherine Hill Bay, No. 1
Maggies, Charlestown, Barnsley, Holmesville, Dudley,
Rhondra, Catherine Hill Bay No. 2.

U/18 Grade A. Division

Adamstown, Merewether Advance, Jesmond, Hamilton, Newtown
Wallsend, New Lambton, Stockton, Mayfield, Newcastle

U/18 B. Division

Wallsend Kiara, West Wallsend, Boolaroo No. 1, Dudley
Holmesville, Adamstown, Boolaroo NO. 2 Rhondra, Cardiff

U/16

Summerhill, West Wallsend, Dudley, New Lambton, Cardiff
Young Wallsend, Newcastle, Adamstown, Hamilton,
Merewether Advance No. 1, Merewether Advance No. 2,
Jesmond No. 1, Jesmond No. 2, Broadmeadow, Catherine Hill Bay.

Registered Referee's

J. Biddlecomb, F. Harvey, W. Kidd, J. Nicholson, H. H. Winley
J. Sneddon, Bede Pratten, Harry Pratten, S. Smith, B. Lane,
R. Bailey, Bill Stott, Charlie Nix, D. McLaren, A. Wright,
T. Terriss, A. Jack, Joss Bartley, F. Filby, Jack Bartley
J. Parsons, A. Broadbent, W. Hughes, Frank Rizzolli,
H. Williams, W. Allwood, E. Rutherford.

1926 Season

President. A. A. Stirling

Vice President. A. Stewart

Secretary. P. J. Shepperd

Assist. Secretary. W. I. Stevens

Treasurer. S. Bush

Management Committee. W. Harrod, Tom Crawford, J. Kidd, F. Harvey,
R. J. Skillings.

Richardson Cup (State V'21)

In the State Final of The Richardson Cup Wallsend
defeated Canterbury 2x0

Wallsend Team comprised .

Steve Tredinnick, Ech Harges, Albert Partridge, Fred Scott,

Jack Waring, G. Collins, Jack Dial (!) Jack "Dingy" O'Brien,

Harry "Snow" Hetherington (!) J. Coleman, Bill Parkes.

NSW Touring Party to Queensland - 1926



Back Row: P V Martin (Trn)
 3rd Row: J Drinkwater, G H Smith, E Aitchinson, J Bush, S Bourke
 2nd Row: L Bailey, J Farrey, J Mannion, H Muir, R McMahon, P Hogan
 Front Row: A Cameron, G Storey (Capt), C P Dixon (Mgr), J Crum (V-Capt),
 F Coolahan

1926 Bk Cup	Adamstown	Aberdare	Cessnock	Holmesville	Kurn Kurn	Newcastle	New Lambton	Wallaseed	West Wallsend	Weston	North
Adamstown	X	3-0, 2-1	5-2, 2-3	11-0, 4-1	3-1, 3-3	9-0, 4-2	4-2, 9-3	5-1, 2-0	3-4, 3-4	3-2, 1-3	8-0
Aberdare	1-2, 0-5	X	2-5, 0-2	2-1, 3-1	3-1, 2-0	4-0, 7-2	3-0, 4-2	0-0, 2-4	4-3, 0-0	3-0, 1-6	4-2
Cessnock	3-2, 2-5	5-2, 2-0	X	5-2, 4-0	2-5, 3-2	6-3, 4-1	8-1, 6-0	2-0, 3-3	2-4, 1-7	3-1, 3-1	W/F
Holmesville	1-4, 0-11	1-2, 1-3	2-5, 0-4	X	2-5, 2-0	2-1, 3-1	4-0, 1-5	0-3, 1-5	0-5, 1-5	4-2, 0-5	W/F
Kurn Kurn	3-3, 1-3	0-2, 1-3	5-2, 2-3	5-2, 0-2	X	4-1, 5-2	5-0, 8-0	2-2, 1-1	1-1, 3-4	5-3, 2-7	W/F
Newcastle	2-4, 0-9	2-7, 0-4	1-4, 3-6	1-3, 1-2	2-5, 1-4	X	1-3, 7-2	3-4, 2-2	2-6, 2-5	3-1, 3-5	W/F
New Lambton	3-9, 2-4	2-4, 0-3	0-6, 1-8	0-4, 5-1	0-8, 0-5	3-1, 3-7	X	1-3, 1-6	1-7, 1-6	1-5, 0-5	W/F
Wallaseed	1-5, 0-2	0-0, 4-2	0-2, 3-3	5-1, 3-0	2-2, 1-1	4-3, 2-2	3-1, 8-1	X	0-5, 1-2	1-1, 1-6	W/F
West Wallsend	4-3, 4-3	3-4, 0-0	4-2, W/F	5-1, 5-0	4-3, 1-1	6-2, 3-2	Aphan, W/F	3-0, 2-1	X	3-1, 4-3	4-0
Weston	2-3, 3-1	6-1, 0-3	1-3, 1-3	5-0, 2-4	7-2, 3-5	5-3, 1-3	5-1, 5-0	1-1, 1-6	3-4, 1-3	X	6-1
North	0-2, 2-4	1-7	1-7	1-7	1-7	1-7	1-7	1-7	0-4	1-6	X

First Junior Football in Maitland

We should note that 1926 saw the introduction of the first Junior football competition in the Maitland district. A Churches competition, the initial teams were St Lukes (Telarah) St Mary's (A) St Mary's (B) Maitland) And St Pauls (Maitland).

Representative Matches

The first representative match of the year was between Newcastle and Sydney, played at Hobart Park 1/5/1926

Newcastle	v	Sydney
Hobart Park		
P. Jordan (New Lambton)		F. Anderson
Arch Harris (Adamstown)		J. Driscoll
H. Muir (West Wallsend)		W. Brown
F. Wilson (New Lambton)		Charlie O'Connor
Clarrie Coutts (West Wallsend)		A. Edwards
J. Bush (Adamstown)		H. Barr
C. James (West Wallsend)		Stan Bourke
Alec Cameron (Adamstown)		J. Suddick
J. McCrorey (Weston)		S. Robinson
P. Hogan (Newcastle)		H. Henson
Roy McNaughton (Cessnock)		H. James

NSW Travel To Queensland

NSW	4 v Queensland	5
NSW	0 v Queensland	2

The Selected Players were.

E. Aitchison (Granville) H. Muir (West Wallsend)
J. Crum (Annandale) J. Farrey (Cessnock) Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend) G. Storey (Balmain) J. Bush (Adamstown) S. Bourke (Granville) Alec Cameron (Adamstown) George Smith (Corrimal)
P. Hogan (Newcastle) Titch Thompson (Balgownie) J. McMahon (Balgownie) Jack Mannion (Weston)

1926 Season

The Annual Report praised the missionary work of the Football Association touring party. However, there were some criticism of the austere attitude of the manager John Lewis and his reluctance to number his players 1 to 10, or use the three ball system and his refusal to use the local teams substitution rule to replace injured players.

In the case of numbering it's players the Goalkeeper was never numbered., the system was in those day's

Right Full Back	1
LEft Full Back	2
Right Half Back	3
Left Half Back	4
Centre Half	5
Right Wing	6
Inside Right	7
Centre Forward	8
Inside Left	9
Left Wing	10

(It was not till 1939 in the F.A.Cup Final that England started to number it's Player's)

The Northern District British Football Association received a setback when they lost the use of the Tramway Ground at Hamilton, which was needed for transport development.

The Management committee acted with commendable speed and business acumen to secure a new enclose ground at Hobart Park New Lambton.

A Liquor licence allowed the construction of an excellant grandstand.

The ground was officially opened by the Mayor of New Lambton Ald G.Brown on the 1st May when the first competition match played on the ground was between West Wallsend and Kurri Kurri.

Entries for the Grades

	Seniors	Res	3rd	4th	U/18	U/16	U/14
Newcastle	11	6	10	23	15	10	27
South Maitland	0	6	10	9	10	10	18

Neath Withdraw

In May, Neath withdrew from the senior ranks, due mainly to the loss of leading players to other clubs during the closed season.

The Point Scored ended with

West Wallsend(32)Adamstown(29)Cessnock(29)
Aberdare(24)Kurri Kurri(20)Wallsend(20)Weston(17)
Holmesville(12)Newcastle(7)New Lambton(6)

The success of the recently promoted Aberdare really an off-shoot of Cessnock supported and managed by a group of former Scottish folk, was very welcome. The first semi final between Cessnock v Aberdare played at Homestead Weston produced a needle gate a real royal full blooded local derby with a gate of £211 pounds, Cessnock greater experience told and the line ups and result is as follows.

1926

Cessnock

3 v Aberdare

1

At the Homestead Weston.

J. Keeling
W. Thomson
W. Victor
J. Harden
Eddie Hodge
G. Rowe
E. Williams
Perce Lennard
C. Williams
H. Otto
Roy McNaughton

T. Aubin
C. Hill
G. Turner
Tom Shakespeare
J. Strang
J. B. Digger Evans
W. Matthews
D. B. McLaren
G. Wilkinson
G. Hartley
J. Wilkinson

The second semi final

West Wallsend

4 v Adamstown

3

Jack Coutts
H. James
H. Muir
Frank Coolahan
Clarrie Coutts
J. Proudlock
Les Brown
C. James
Ern Richardson
Dave Kaiser
Di McLaughlin

R. Francis
Art Lambert
Vince Turnbull
L. Bailey
Arch Harris
J. Bush
C. Connelly
Alec Cameron
E. Bush
Bush
A. Dunne

Final

Cessnock

1 v West Wallsend

0

J. Keeling
G. Williams
W. Victor
S. Bowden
Eddie Hodge
J. Harden
E. Williams
Perce Lennard
Harden
H. Otto
Roy McNaughton(1)

Jack Coutts
H. James
H. Muir
Frank Coolahan
Clarrie Coutts
J. Proudlock
Les Brown
C. James
Ern Richardson
Dave Kaiser
Di McLaughlin



Di McLaughlin, the brilliant
left winger

1926 Season

Kerr Cup Series

There were thirteen entries for this season's Kerr Cup.
The First Semi Final

Adamstown 5 v Weston 2

The second semi final

West Wallsend 3 v Wallsend 0

Kerr Cup Final

Adamstown 5 v West Wallsend 0

R. Francis	Wally McKenzie
Arch Harris	H. Muir
Art Lambert	Henry Maunder
Vince Turnbull	Frank Coolahan
J. Bush	Clarrie Coutts
L. Bailey	Ern Richardson
C. Connelly	Frank Hayes
Alec Cameron	C. James
E. Spruce	W. "Podge" Maunder
E. Bush	Dave Kaiser
A. Dunne	Di McLaughlin

Stevenson Cup

West Wallsend won the Stevenson Cup beating Kurri Kurri in a replay 7x3 after having played a 3x3 draw.

Gardiner Cup

A full round up of the Gardiner Cup will appear after the 1928 Competition.

Rumblings Of Discontent.

During the latter half of this season all clubs became dissatisfied at the division of gate money. BOTH IN THE LEAGUE AND CUP FIXTURES.

Again Coalfields clubs objected to the clause which forced them to donate a "HOME GAME" to the match of the day at Hobart Park New Lambton.

Even more hard were the conditions for the Gardiner Cup Ties. the net revenue went to the association, which showed little in return. To air their grievances, an illegal conference was held at Weston when representatives of Aberdare, Adamstown, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Newcastle and Weston met under the chairmanship of Mr. Dai Rees. This group elected Mr. Bill Beaney as secretary of a movement which was called "STATE LEAGUE".

One month later Mr. Beaney attended a similar conference in Sydney.

The State Association in Sydney were notified of this new idea and of the discontent among clubs. It could be said that the Sydney officials, with a degree of arrogance pushed the protest under the carpet."

The (NDBFA) Northern District British Football Association censored certain Coalfields clubs and it's officials for their activity but this only bolstered the cause of the State Leagueites.

The 1926 season had been highly successful as over

1926 Season

100.000 passed through the turnstiles of the new ground Hobart Park, an increase of 40.000 on last season at the Tramway Ground.

During the season quite a large crop of potential stars rose in the club ranks, among these were

Jack "Digger" Evans, T. Hill, Ben McLaren Nip Connelly, Harry Otto, Roy Paddocks, H "Ginna" Pringle Scottie Wells, Jimmy Osborne, Jimmy McNabb, Ern Richardson, Sid Masters, Alf "Duckie" Henwood, Bill Victor, Jimmy Harden, Ted Odgers, and S. Wood of course there were many many more.

Player Register

Adamstown

A. Smith, R. Francis, Art Lambert, Arch Harris, L. Bailey, Vince Turnbull, J. Bush, E. Bush, O. Bush, D. Bush Nip Connelly, Alec Cameron, Gavin Russell, H. Dent, A. Dunne E. Spruce, J. Arthur, Iceton, Cook, D. McAllister,

Aberdare

T. Latter, J. B "Digger" Evans, Tonner, T. Hill, C. Hill, J. Strang, R. Lasker, J. Brown, Mathieson, B. McLaren, Mullens, McQuister, Stobba, T. Parker, G. Hartley, George Hancock, Tom Shakespeare.

Cessnock

S. Jones, T. Rollo, W. Thomson, G. Stokes, Eddie Hodge, C. Williams E. Williams G. Williams, Perce Lennard, Roy McNaughton J. Otto, J. Harden, J. Nelson, J. Keeling, D. Harden, G. Rennix, Odges.

Holmesville

T. Lennox, H. Shepherd, R. Strang, J. O'Driscoll, W. Linton, P. Strang, T. Coates, N. Dellica, W. Erickson, Roy Paddock, E. Linton

Kurri Kurri

G. Goodwin, J. Beddow, L. Rees, W. Bennett, H. Wilson, S. Kidd, T. McNabb, N. Price, H. Pringle, A. Phillips, R. Wells, W. Gartland, R. Bower, Stewart, W. Stewart, J. Reid, R. Paul R. Partridge, J. McCree, Pat Cahill.

Newcastle

A. Stewart, E. Urwin, T. Nott, Robertson, Capp, A. Lewis, H. Johns J. Allan, R. Barry, P. Hogan, J. Gill, J. Heigh, A. McDale, Cowley, Faulkner, R. Scott.

New Lambton

P. Jordan, Heslop, Straker, H. Jordan, Bowden, Slavin, Blair Oughton, Ferguson, W. Zde, Bondi, A. Wilson, Davies, Bassett, Hill

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Wallsend

T.Fenwick,H.Woods,Perce Moore,Joe Wardle,Ernie Owen
Rags Urwin, Frank Garraty, E" Paddy" Vials, Steve Tredinnick,
G.Hancock,W.Forrester,T.Hodge,E.Dunne,Jimmy Johnstone
F.Wills,Dan Rees,Jimmy Osborne,W.Walker,G.Mullins.

West Wallsend

Wally McKenzie, Henry Maunder, Bill "Podge" Maunder,
H.Muir, Frank Coolahan, Clarrie Coutts, "Sara" Woods,
J.Proudlock,C.James,Dave Kaiser, Les Brown, Di McLaughlin,
Ern Richardson G.Ross,S.Masters.

Weston

Lloyd, Jim Farrey, Jimmy McNabb, W.Roe, , McGrath,
J.Maloney, McWilliams, J.McCroarey, Straker, Bryce, Young
J.Hodge, Grant, Boyce, Jack Mannion, Robertson, Henwood,
J.Drinkwater, Purcell, H.H.Graham, Bobby Austin,
B.Gibson, Harrod, W.Avis

Neath

Alec Horne, Alf Henwood, A.Baldwin, J.H.Drinkwater,
R.Parker, F.Pockett, R.Hughes, J.Jeffrey's, T.Purcell
Jack Drinkwater, Arch Horne, Wyles.

Registered Referee's

Fred Harvey, G.Francis, , G.Barnes, Jenkins,
A.C.Wright, Broadbent, Harry Pratten, Bede Pratten,
J.Biddlecomb, J.Harris, S.Smith, Charlie Nix, H.Williams,
George Brown, J.Sneddon, J.Parsons, B.Lane, F.Filby, R.Bailey,
McLaren, F.Rizzoli, R.Roberts, A.Jack, F.Denniss, Roxby,
W.Shipp, E.Rutherford, Wally Kidd, Mitchell.
J.Nicholson, W.Muddle, Terry, B.Morgan.

Referee's Officials were

President.J.Biddlecomb

Secretary Fred Harvey

Treasurer B.Lane.

Northern District British Football Association

Annual Report for 1926.

to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Trades Hall, Newcastle, on Saturday, 26th February, 1927, at 6p.m.

Gentlemen—

Your executive have pleasure in submitting the annual report for season 1926 for your consideration and adoption. In doing so, records with great satisfaction the hearty co-operation and assistance rendered by the Delegates to Council, Committees, Officials and members of the various Clubs. We especially thank the members of the Management Committee who have attended most regularly and adjudicated on the matters brought before them in an impartial manner.

PROGRESS

With the headquarters ground transferred to New Lambton, it was anticipated that through the relocation the attendances would suffer, but we are pleased to report that over 43,000 persons paid for admission into Association grounds, and when it is taken into consideration that no international or interstate matches were staged, and the serious unemployment that was evident in the early part of the season, the case has certainly maintained its popularity of previous seasons.

COMPETITIONS

Seventy-six teams entered in the various grades, the registered membership of which totalled 1320.

In the Senior Grade 11 teams entered, viz.: West Wallsend, Aschmole, Wallsend, Hornsby, Newcastle, New Lambton, Cessnock, Weston, Kurr, Aberdeen and Neath. The whole of the previous season's teams entered, Aschmole and Hornsby being the new entrants. Neath, however, were unable to continue, and the season closed with 10 teams.

West Wallsend, who gained 32 points, were premiers, and won the Premiership Medal and the Elia Cup. The Final trophies were won by Cessnock, who defeated West Wallsend—one goal to nil.

The Reserve Grade was conducted in conjunction with S.M.B.F. A.S.N. and six teams from each Area entered. The Premiership was won by Koorrey and the Final trophies were won by Weston, who defeated Peter Nixon in the final.

Third Grade

The Third or A Grade attracted 10 entries, and two rounds were played. Wallsend, who finished on 28 points, secured the Lynch Cup and Premiership Trophies while Cardiff, by defeating Wallsend in the final—2 goals to 1—received the Final Trophies.

Fourth Grade

In the Fourth Grade 23 teams entered, and the competition was conducted in two divisions. Premiers in each division to receive a Cup and trophies, the four leading teams in each division to play a knock-out for the Final Trophies.

In the A Division, Jesmond were Premiers on 19 points, and received the Scott Cup and Trophies, while Bealton were successful

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In the B Division, also on 19 points, and secured the Bryant Cup and Trophies. Adamstown won the Knock-out Final and Trophies, defeating Jesmond 6 goals to 2.

B Grade

The B or Under 18 Competition was responsible for 16 entries, and was also conducted in two divisions. Two rounds were played. Winners of each division received a Cup and Trophies. Winners of the knock-out to also receive trophies.

Adamstown, on 24 points, were A Division Premiers, and won the Wills Cup and Trophies, while Wallaseed on 27 points, were B Division Premiers, and secured the Snoddy Cup and trophies. Wallaseed were also successful in the final, defeating Cardiff by 3 goals to nil.

C Grade

The C or Under 16 Competition attracted 10 entries, two rounds being played. West Wallaseed were Premiers on 33 points, and secured the Howard Cup and Trophies; while Wallaseed, by defeating West Wallaseed in the final—3 goals to nil—won the Final Trophies.

A complete table of the whole of the above Competitions is as follows:

Senior Grade							
	P	W	L	D	P	A	Pts.
West Wallaseed	18	13	1	2	65	22	32
Adamstown	19	14	4	1	86	32	29
Cesmech	19	14	4	1	63	32	29
Aberdare	19	11	6	2	45	36	24
Kurti	18	8	6	2	50	37	20
Wallaseed	16	7	3	6	36	33	20
Weston	18	8	9	1	57	41	17
Holmesville	19	6	11	0	35	63	12
Newcastle	18	3	15	1	34	73	7
New Lambton	19	3	16	0	16	66	6
Third Grade							
	P	W	L	D	P	A	Pts.
Wallaseed	16	14	2	0	54	15	26
Cardiff	16	12	2	2	50	20	26
Bealaroo	16	11	4	1	31	25	23
Broadmeadow	16	9	5	2	31	25	20
Teralba	16	7	6	3	26	29	17
Barnesley	16	6	9	1	17	36	13
Stockton	16	5	10	1	13	44	11
C.H. Bay	16	3	13	0	4	29	6
Marnewether (Withdraw)							
Adamstown (withdraw)							
Fourth Grade							
	P	W	L	D	P	A	Pts.
Jesmond	10	9	0	1	33	6	19
Adamstown (1)	10	7	1	2	44	18	16
Marnewether	10	7	1	2	22	7	16
Maggies	10	6	3	1	29	19	13
N. Lambton	10	5	3	2	11	23	12
Newtown	10	4	5	1	34	21	9
Mayfield	10	5	6	1	15	11	7
Adamstown (2)	10	3	6	1	13	21	7
Broadmeadow	10	3	6	1	18	25	7
Stockton	10	2	8	0	7	36	4
Newcastle	10	0	10	0	3	48	0

Division		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Reserve		11	9	1	1	33	10	19
West Wallsend		11	8	1	2	34	10	18
Wallsend		11	8	1	2	19	10	18
Holmesville		11	6	2	3	14	7	13
Charlestown		11	6	4	1	23	22	13
Redhead		11	5	4	2	17	19	12
Kahibah		11	5	5	1	15	19	11
Jeumont (2)		11	4	5	2	18	19	10
Dudley		11	3	6	2	15	19	8
Teralba		11	2	9	0	13	22	4
Barnesley		11	2	9	0	4	25	4
Rhinds		11	0	11	0	1	11	0
B Grade		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Adamstown		14	11	1	2	64	19	24
Hamilton		14	10	3	1	51	16	21
Merewether		14	9	4	1	36	21	19
New Lambton		14	9	4	1	30	25	19
Dudley		14	7	5	2	22	23	16
Mayfield		14	2	11	1	11	61	5
Broadmeadow		14	2	12	0	9	70	4
Catherine Hall Bay		14	1	13	0	24	11	2
C Grade		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Wallsend (1)		14	13	0	1	64	2	27
Cardiff		14	10	3	1	52	17	21
Newtown		14	10	4	0	13	15	20
West Wallsend		14	9	5	0	31	26	18
Holmesville		14	4	10	0	9	41	8
Wallsend (2)		14	3	10	1	6	25	7
Boolaroo		14	3	11	0	3	15	6
D Grade		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
W. Wallsend		18	14	1	1	64	17	33
Hamilton		18	12	4	2	51	14	26
Merewether		18	10	3	5	44	17	25
Adamstown		18	10	3	5	52	16	23
Wallsend		18	11	4	3	40	18	25
Dudley		18	4	9	5	19	40	13
New Lambton		18	6	12	0	37	60	12
Broadmeadow		18	5	13	0	13	53	10
Rehoboth		18	3	15	0	23	80	6
Cardiff		18	2	15	1	15	63	5
Teralba		18	2	15	1	15	63	5

KERR CUP (Northern Senior Championship)

This Competition, which was again restricted to Northern teams, was responsible for 14 entries. The semi-final four were West Wallsend, who defeated Wallsend; Adamstown, who defeated Weston. The first was won by Adamstown, who defeated West Wallsend 5 goals to nil, and thus were holders of the Kerr Cup for two years in succession. Included herewith is the complete list of winners since inception of Cup:

1914 Merewether	1921 Wallsend
1915 Merewether	1922 West Wallsend
1916 No Competition	1923 Coonook
1917 No Competition	1924 West Wallsend
1918 West Wallsend	1925 Adamstown
1919 West Wallsend	1926 Adamstown
1920 West Wallsend	

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CUP (Northern Junior Championship)

Sixteen teams entered this Competition, Cardiff winning the Cup in 1917 by defeating Jeumont in the final, 5 goals to nil.

M.H. FOOTBALL, 30/1/1926

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

THE STATE LEAGUE.

Fifteen clubs were represented at the weekly conference, presided over by Mr. H. Jones (Kurr), convened by Mr. W. Henry (Weston). Participants attended from Aberdeen, Coonook, Kurr, Jeumont, Adamstown, Newcastle, Wallsend, Balgownie, Verran, Thurral, Woonona, Annandale-Lorneville, Canterbury, Granville, and Gladstone-Ryde, also stating unofficial representation, and amount of the Metropolitan Association's attitude towards the proposal. The secretary referred to the conference already held in Coonook and Weston, and claimed that antagonism to the N.S.W. F.A. was hardly correct, as it was desired to improve the game, not to operate tilt-tilt, and to endeavour to become a self-governing unit of the N.S.W. F.A.

A resolution that the time was not opportune was defeated, and, with three dissentients, it was agreed to hold another conference a month hence, for the purpose of forming the State League, each club to send one representative, N.S.W. F.A. executive to be invited to co-operate and attend.

The South Maitland propagandists received mild support from Balgownie and Woonona.

BELLBIRD

Competitive soccer begun in 1926 as a result of the enthusiasm for soccer due to the visit of the English professional team to Cessnock in 1925.

Bellbird entered 3rd grade, U16 and U14 teams in the S.M. competitions. In 1927, its entries consisted of 3rd grade, U18 and U16. 1928 and 1929 saw the number of entries increased to four — viz. seniors, U19, U16 and U14. It was, however, in 1930 that the "Bells" won its way to the senior final to be beaten by Kurri by 3 to 0. Its team on that occasion comprised: Alderson, McQueen, Jenkins, Edwards, Banner, T. Shakespeare, Ferguson, Collins, Cummings, J. Shakespeare, Davies.

Bellbird had previously been beaten finalists in 1928 — down to Pelaw Main at Weston. A Scot forward from Armidale, Jock Pettigrew set up a club record of 25 goals in the season. Very little is known of the club's activities till 1943 when Bellbird joined a Coalfields League. Of 14 matches played, it won 5, drew 7 and lost 2. Among its goalscorers were J. Bamback (14), R. Edmunds (5), A. Randall (3), C. Cook (3), A. McKendry (2), J. Dunncliffe (2), W. George (2), S. Parkes (2).

In the Maitland sectional final at Weston, Bellbird went down to Kurri by 3 to 2 in a thrilling match only won in the 89th minute.

Bellbird's eleven comprised L. McKendry, J. Evans, W. McKendry, J. Rankin, S. Parkes, R. Edmunds, R. Dunncliffe, J. Bamback, A. McDonald, A. Rankin, G. Simpson.

Lack of scoring power gave Bellbird a poor record in 1944 when it finished eighth in a nine-team Northern League competition. Of the 15 matches played, it lost 11, won 3 and drew 1. Its goalscorers were: S. Myles 10, J. Bamback 5, R. Edmunds 4, R. Dunncliffe 3, A. Simpson 2. In the State Cup, the "Bells" beat Dudley by 3 to 1, but were knocked out in the second round by Kearsley at Kearsley by 3 to 1.

In 1948, Bellbird joined a reformed 2nd Division Northern League.

It qualified for the final but went down to Cardiff by 2 to 1 at Wallsend.

Its eleven comprised N. Evans, S. McKendry, L. Crawley, B. Davis, R. Dunncliffe, F. Price, N. Crawley, J. Bamback, L. Simpson, A. Thomson, R. Edmunds. Reserves were G. Waugh, H. Vernon, H. Campbell, T. Sommerville. During the season goalscorers were: J. Bamback 21, A. Thomson 14, L. Simpson 10, R. Edmunds 6, R. Dunncliffe 4, H. Campbell 4.

Then followed a period of stagnation due to the short-sighted policy of the Northern Directors in limiting entry to Reserve Grade to recognised State League clubs — a policy which left the smaller clubs like Bellbird, Paxton, Kearsley, Aberdare, Greta Main without a suitable competition. This ban ended in 1956 when Bellbird entered a Northern League competition.

In a 7-team series, Bellbird won 5, lost 5, drew 4. In the Northern League Cup, it created a club record by defeating Kurri by 10 to 1 in the first round. However, it did not proceed in this series. Its best scorers were J. McLaren 10, A. Thomson 10, M. Sternbeck 7, W. Radnidge 4, S. Parkes 4, W. Burgoyne 3, C. McDonald 3, A. Stevenson 3.

In the premiership semi-final it bowed out to Blacksmith by 10 to 2. Its eleven included B. McKendry, A. Thomson, N. McKendry, A. Radnidge, A. Mitchell, R. Carmichael, G. Stevenson, J. McLaren, A. Sternbeck, S. Parkes, W. Burgoyne.

There was a break in club activities till 1963, when the "Bells" entered a recently established 3rd Division. Of the 18 matches played, Bellbird won 11, lost 3, drew 4, finishing in third position, a highly creditable performance.

In 1964, Bellbird excelled by finishing second to Hamilton Azzurri — 2 points only off after 22 games. It scored 80 goals to opponents' 28. It remained undefeated in 11 home games. In the semi-final it defeated Toronto Diggers by 3 to 1. After a 2 all draw in the final against South Wallsend, the "Bells" went down in replay by 5 to 2. During the season, R. Jones (12), D. Davies (11), D. Glenn (11) were the top scorers.

Its success won for it promotion to the 2nd Division in 1965. Weak defensive play saw it in ninth position while its second string was listed eighth. Worse followed in 1966 and Bellbird took out the woodenspoon with only 11 points in 18-match series.

In 1967, Bellbird fought back with commendable flair to take out the flag in the 3rd Division. Its record was a very proud one — played 22, won 21, lost 0, drew 1, goals for 114, goals against 24; points, 43 out of a possible 44. Its home record was played 11, won 11, lost 0, drew 0. Goals for 60, goals against 11. Its 14 to 2 and 18 to 0 wins over R.A.A.F. were club records.

Unfortunately individual records were not available, but Davies, Glenn and Dunne all passed the 20 goal record. In 1968, Bellbird operated among stronger opposition in the 2nd Division. It shared eighth place with Dudley and Jesmond.

A new Amateur League (North) was inaugurated in 1969 and Bellbird did very well to finish second to South Cardiff. It scored 89 goals to opponents' 20.

In the 2nd Division in 1971 the "Bells" took out the woodenspoon with eight points, conceding 105 goals to opposition marksmen.

Another poor season in 2nd Division in 1972, Bellbird finishing last in the three grades. Such a drubbing sent the club into a senior recess.

Concentration was then turned to local juniors.

CRYSTAL PALACE GROUND CAVES IN.

16th April, 1927 (Easter) Saw the Crystal Palace Football Ground cave in.

Over 12 inches of rain tumbled down in just four days, which caused a massive cave of the workings of C.PIT. This fall in left a giant hole of some 50 yards long, 40 yards wide, and over 35 foot deep.

Parts of Nelson, Tyrell, Council, and Boscowen streets were many feet deep. Water flowed through Thomas Mansfield, John Truscott, The Co-op Store, The Salvation Army Church Hall, and the Ambulance Brigade Hall also suffered, as did Lightfoots Furniture Store on the corner of Tyrell and Council Streets.

Low lying areas of Summerhill and the old Wallsend Race Course, Ironbark Creek, and the Hexham Swamps were also under water.

Within a few weeks The Newcastle Wallsend Coal Co, commenced filling this massive fall in with Chitter from the old Elermore Vale workings.

The coal company constructed a makeshift line down behind Bunn and Boundary streets to fill this giant hole.

Just three days before the cave in Miners had been at this part of the coal face. The C.Pit mine employed between 250 and 300 miners.

The football club were forced to move the ground forward some 50 or 60 yards towards the old Tram Depot.

It took many years before this hole was completely filled. Each year the Chitter would burn, giving off a very offensive smell.



'Lake' Crystal Palace: Heavy Easter rain caused a cave-in at the Wallsend Football Club's ground in 1927, leaving a deep 'puddle' (Newcastle Morning Herald (Photo))

1927 Season

President. J.H. Bloomfield

Vice President. J. Mills

Secretary. P.J. Shepperd

Assist. Secretary. W.J. Stevens

Treasurer. A. Stewart.

Management Committee. W. Harrod, Tom Crawford, W. Kidd,
Fred Harvey, R.J. Skillings.

1927 will always be remembered in Football circles as "the year of the Great Breakaway". The central figures in the dispute were the NSW officials, Sid Storey, and Bill Beaney, Secretary of the Weston Club 1921-1927. In the beginning, Sydney journalist Alec Boyd said that "Sid Storey had might on his side but Bill Beaney had right". When the storm began to gather momentum, the NSW Executive appointed two sub-committees to investigate the position of whether or not to form a State League. Their job was to present two reports—one in favour of the formation and the other against. When both were presented later in the season, very little was gained but they did reveal that both the "loyalists" and the "rebels" (as termed by the Sydney press) on the coalfields were willing to fight the issue to the bitter end. A "shadow cabinet" was formed by the rebels with Tom Crawford gaining the Presidency. He was joined by Bill Beaney, the Weston Secretary, George Winship from Kurri Kurri, J. Lowe (Aberdare) and J. Mather Weston. This group was given the green light to proceed with the State League, although the 1927 season was still in progress.

Bill Beaney was seconded from his job and sent to Sydney and Woonona to lecture clubs and players on the aim of the State League.

Ellis Cup

1927 Ellis Cup	Aberdare	Adamstn	Cessnock	Holmesville	Kurri Kurri	New Lambton	Newcastle	Wallsend	Weston	West Wallsend
Aberdare	X	2-1, 8-3	1-6, 2-4	6-0, 1-5	3-1, 2-1	5-2, 3-0	5-1, 5-2	0-0, 3-3	6-2, 5-3	0-1, 1-2
Adamstown	3-8, 1-2	X	2-2, 1-4	4-2, 2-6	5-2, 2-3	5-2, 2-1	7-1, 3-2	L/F, 4-1	5-3, 2-4	4-0, 2-0
Cessnock	4-2, 6-1	4-1, 2-2	X	3-0, 5-1	3-3, 3-2	8-0, 1-3	12-1, 7-0	3-1, 5-2	5-2, 5-2	W/F, 1-1
Holmesville	5-1, 0-6	6-2, 2-4	1-5, 0-3	X	1-5, 2-3	2-1, 0-6	1-0, 7-0	0-2, 0-3	2-1, 3-1	1-5, 1-4
Kurri Kurri	1-2, 1-3	2-5, 3-2	2-3, 3-3	5-1, 3-2	X	4-2, 5-5	5-1, 4-1	5-0, 4-3	1-2, 2-2	1-5, 1-5
New Lambton	0-3, 2-5	2-5, 1-2	3-1, 0-8	1-2, 6-0	2-4, 5-5	X	6-4, 4-1	2-1, 0-1	1-1, W/F	0-2, 0-3
Newcastle	1-5, 2-5	2-3, 1-7	0-7, 1-12	0-1, 0-7	1-5, 1-4	4-6, 1-4	X	3-5, 1-8	1-10, 0-9	0-5, 0-13
Wallsend	3-3, 0-0	W/F, 1-4	2-5, 1-3	2-0, 0-2	0-5, 3-4	1-3, 1-0	5-3, 8-1	X	3-6, 5-6	1-3, 3-6
Weston	3-5, 2-8	4-2, 3-5	2-5, 2-5	1-2, 1-3	2-1, 2-2	1-1, L/F	10-1, 9-0	6-3, 6-5	X	1-4, 2-5
West Wallsend	1-0, 2-1	0-2, 0-4	1-1, L/F	5-1, 4-1	5-1, 5-1	2-0, 3-0	13-0, 5-0	6-3, 3-1	4-1, 5-2	1-8

The Point score was

Aberdare (24) Adamstown (21) Cessnock (31) Holmesville (14)
Kurri Kurri (19) New Lambton (14) Newcastle (0) Wallsend (12)
Weston (14) West Wallsend (29)

1927

Czechoslovakia(Bohemia) Tour details

5/5/1927	West Australia	3 v	Bohemia	11(Perth)
7/5/1927	West Australia	4 v	"	6(Cottesloe)
11/5/1927	South Australia	1 v	"	11(Adelaide)
14/5/1927	Australian XI	1 v	"	2(Adelaide)
18/5/1927	Victoria	0 v	"	1(Melbourne)
21/5/1927	Australian XI	1 v	"	4(Melbourne)
25/5/1927	Wagga Wagga	0 v	"	9(Wagga Wagga)
28/5/1927	NSW	5 v	"	4(Sydney)
1/6/1927	South Coast	1 v	"	2(Woonona)
4/6/1927	Northern District	4 v	"	5(Newcastle)
6/6/1927	Australia(1st)	4 v	"	6(Sydney)
8/6/1927	South Maitland	3 v	"	1(Cessnock)
11/6/1927	Queensland	3 v	"	2(Brisbane)
15/6/1927	Ipswich	3 v	"	5(Ipswich)
18/6/1927	Australia(2nd)	5 v	"	5(Brisbane)
21/6/1927	Newcastle	5 v	"	2(Newcastle)
23/6/1927	Metropolis	3 v	"	5(Sydney)
2/7/1927	West Australia	2 v	"	3(Cottesloe)
	Australia	0 v	"	5(Sydney)
	Australia	2 v	"	2(Melbourne)

1927

The 3rd Test Australia 4 v Bohemia 4
Sydney

H. McKissock(Aberdare)

Eddie Hodge(Cessnock)

W. Brown(Eastern Suburbs)

A. Murray(Q)

A. Marshall(Q)

A. Park(Q)Capt)

Stan Bourke(Granville)

Alec Cameron(Adamstown)1)

Clark(Q)2)

H. Robertson(Balmain Gladestone(1)

Titch Thompson(Balgownie)

1927 Season

South Maitland 3 v Bohemia 1
Pit Paddock Cessnock 8/6/1927

H.Ashcroft(Kurri)
Jim Beddow(Kurri Kurri)
Eddie Hodge(Cessnock)
S.Kidd(Kurri Kurri)
Jack Taylor(Cessnock)
J.Harden(Cessnock)
E.Williams(Weston)
J.McKay(Kurri Kurri)
Jack Mannion(Weston)
Roy McNaughton(Cessnock)
Jack Drinkwater(Aberdare)
Reserves
C.Williams(Cessnock)
T.Rollo(Cessnock)

Australia 5 v Bohemia 5
2nd Test Brisbane

Halls(Q)
Eddie Hodge(Cessnock)
T.Traynor(Q)
A.Murray(Q)
A.Marshall(Q)
A.Park(Q)
A.Edwards(Granville)
Titch Thompson(Balgownie)
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)
Judy Masters(Balgownie)
M.Stale(Q)
R.Kyle(Gladesville Ryde)
H.Robertson(Balmain Gladestone)
Clark(Q)
H.McKissock(Aberdare)
Les Brown(West Wallsend)
E.Bennie(Eastern Suburbs)
Stan Bourke(Granville)

1927 Season

Czechoslovakia(Bohemia Tour.

Players.

V.Belik.F.Krejci.A.Kasper.F.Hockinnan.W.Pinc.J.Prusek.
 J.Wimmer.J.Hrizeck.J.Hybs.A.Masata.W.Rubes.J.Hendrych.
 J.Kucera.J.Moucha.J.Einser.D.Havlin.F.Sebul. Spic

New South Wales

5 v Bohemia

4

Sydney Showground 28/5/1927

E.Aitchison(Granville)	Sebul
Arch Harris(Adamstown)	Krejci
J.Crum(Sydney)	Kasper
Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)	Hockinnan(1)
Gil Storey(Balmain Gladstone)	Pinc
Harry Spurway(Granville)	Prusek
Stan Bourke(Granville)	Wimmer
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)3)	Hrizeck
Judy Masters(1)Balgownie)	Masata(1)
A.Veigal(1)Woonona)	Havlin(1)
Roy McNaughton(Cessnock)	Spic(1)
W.Brown(Eastern Suburbs)	

Newcastle

3 v Bohemia

4

Hobart Park 4/6/1927

P.Jordan(New Lambton)
 Arch Harris(Adamstown)
 Jim Beddow(Kurri Kurri)
 Frank Coolahan(1)West Wallsend)
 Jack Taylor(Capt)Cessnock)
 Les Bailey(Adamstown)
 C.James(1)West Wallsend)
 Alec Cameron(Adamstown)
 Gavin Russell(1)Adamstown)
 Jack Mannion(Weston)
 Roy McNaughton(Cessnock)

Referee Fred Harvey

Charlie Nix-B.Lane

Australia

4 v Bohemia

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Sydney 6/6/1927 1st Test

E.Aitchison(Granville)
 J.Crum(Sydney)
 T.Treynor(Q)
 Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)
 Calderwood(Vic)
 Harry Spurway(Granville)
 Stan Bourke(Granville)
 Alec Cameron(Adamstown)
 Judy Masters(Capt)Balgownie)
 A.J.Veigal(Woonona)
 Roy McNaughton(Cessnock)

Metropolitan 3 v Bohemia 5
23/6/1927

H. McKissock
 J. Crum(Annandale)
 W. Brown(Canterbury)
 J. Chen(Pymont)
 W. Salvage(Eastern Suburbs)
 W. Byers(Balmain)
 J. Hain(Gladesville)
 J. Callaghan(Pymont)
 A. Bennie(East Suburbs)
 F. Bradey(East Suburbs)
 E. Waldron(Granville)
 Reserves
 F. Montergomery(Gladesville)
 J. McKinney(Pymont)
 A. Thompson(Annandale)

Metropolitan	4 v South Coast	1
H. McKissock	Smith	
F. Montergomery	Critcher	
E. Pont	Parker	
J. Cohen	Casely	
W. Salvage	Cheney	
W. Byers	Sharples	
J. Hain	Murphy	
Jones	Wilson	
H. McCaw(1)	G. Smith(1)	
R. Kyle	McEvan	
H. Robertson(3)	Seth	
Referee A.W. Bates		

The Third Test at Sydney 25/6/1927
 Australia 4 v Bohemia 4

H. McKissock(Aberdare)
 Eddie Hodge(Cessnock)
 W. Brown(Eastern Suburbs)
 A. Murray(Q)
 A. Marshall(Q)
 A. Park(Q)Capt)
 Stan Bourke(Granville)
 Alec Cameron(Adamstown)1)
 Clark(Q)2)
 H. Robertson(Balmain Gladstone)1)
 Titch Thompson(Balgownie)

1927 Season
Player Register

Adamstown

Harold Johns. Arch Harris. Claude Watt. Art Lambert. D. Burt.
Les Bailey. Harold. S. Parker. Alec Cameron. A. Dunne.
Billy Morgan. Arch Connelly. Vince Turnbull. Dai Williams
J. Jobling. R. Watts. J. Bush. Hanlon. T. Hodge. T. Iceton.
Butterworth. J. Arthur. J. Golightly. G. Hall. Vince Garraty.
Frank Garraty. A. Hopkins. Gavin Russell. J. Foster. R. Francis
F. Hayes. D. Bush. Peter Doyle. E. Bush.

New Lambton. D. Morgan. Roy Scott. J. Allan. J. Cain. W. Blair.
Jack "Dingie" O'Brien. J. Robertson. H. Coates. H. Dent. J. Bell.
E. Spruce. J. Knott. H. James. H. Griffiths. S. Bach. H. Maunder.
Cox. D. Rees. W. Carr. D. Budden. R. Bondi. H. Hincks. W. Spowart.
Jack Blair. A. Young. E. "Paddy" Vials. G. Anderson. J. Mullins.
Strackner. H. Marshall. A. Phillips. P. Jordan. J. Mellows.

Cardiff

T. Simmons. O. Bush. T. Withers. Jack Lonsdale. T. Coates.
T. McGibbon. A. Hopkins. Laurie Nelson. C. Whittton. Preston
J. Henderson. H. Walters. R. Post. C. Wilson. N. Givens. A. Roy.
T. Fenwick. J. Wilson. J. Iceton. A. Straker. H. Bott.

Wallsend

Ray Ridley. Rueb "Hippo" Coleman. E. Warboys. F. Moore.
Jim Tredinnick. Harry "Moon" Woods. Rags Urwin. Eric Urwin
Keith Urwin. Jimmy Mullens. Artie Walker. J. Murnain.
Harry "Snow" Hetherington. Tom "Lucky" Hetherington.
R. Bullen. W. McCormack. W. Jackson. A. Lang. A. Knott. G. Mullins.
R. Williams. J. McGorran. Jack Hirst. H. Warboys. Eck Harde.
Jimmy Johnstone. Perce Moore. Bill Walker. E. Porter.
A. Drysdale. H. Harde. T. Horseburg. Billy Thomas. Bryden.
Albert Partridge. H. Donkin. R. "Dick" Neal. West. H. Murnane.
J. "Dingy" O'Brien.

West Wallsend.

Jack Coutts. "Sara" Woods. H. James. W. Gracie. Porter.
Roy Paddock. Frank Coolahan. Parkinson. H. Muir. Dave Kaiser
C. James. W. Evans. Di McLaughlin. Les Brown. Grant. Daniels
Clarrie Coutts. Ern Richardson. Martin. Campbell. G. Ross
G. Burton. F. Pickering. Pilcher. H. Walters. W. "Podge" Maunder
T. Hodge. J. Hodge. J. Proudlock. G. Williams

Holmesville

A. Paterson. E. O'Donnell. Bill "Sykes" Erickson. W. Linton.
A. Straker. M. Cameron. A. Pilcher. W. Kelly. T. Linton. J. Muir.
Wally McKenzie. F. Linton. R. Strang. W. Humphreys. R. Coates.
R. O'Donnell. Jim Lennox. J. Mullins. P. Davidson. W. Stewart.
Tom Sinclair. R. Einsar. G. Mullins. E. Sheppard.
R. "Dick" Sneddon. Roy Paddock.

1927 Season

Weston

W.Nicholls.W.Butler.W.Thompson.G.Roe.Graham.P.Tate
S"Pongo"Grant.R.Musgrave.G.Gibson.Jack Mannion. Blane
E.Williams.Tommy Oliver.J.McCroarey.Jim"Dummy"Williams
Charlie Thompson.Ellis.E.Odgers.W.Avis,T.McNabb.
Jimmy McNabb.R"Bungi"Gibson.Jack Avis.Maynard.Richards.

Aberdare

J.Fox.Sterritt.Moore.Tom Shakespeare.E.Hill.Jim Kemp.
E.Kemp.Aubin.D.Rae.Turner.Jarvie.Jack.B."Digger"Evans.
A.Thompson.Quinn.Brannon.Jack Drinkwater.E.Mitchell.
Conner.H.Brennan.Stobba.J.Rowe.D.Irvine.D.Tonner.J.Tonner.
W.Mathieson.W.Weir.G.Wilkinson.J.Strang.J.Nelson.
Alf"Ducky"Henwood T.Stobba,G.Mitchell

Kurri Kurri

H.Ashcroft.Jim Beddow.Jim Farrey.S.Kidd.H.Maunder.
R.Wells.J.McKay.N.Price.S.Bartley.H.Pringle.Sid Masters.
G.Goodwin.L.Paul.H.Richards.E.Hughes.R.Bower.H.McCaw
Barclay.R.Partridge.S.Gartland.J.Warren.L.Rees.J.McCann.
J.Winning. W.Winshipp.T.Kidd.

Newcastle United

J.Davidson.S.Alcock.G.N.Blum.J.Robertson.W.S.Kerr.J.Batey.
A.Dyes.W.Blackhurst.A.Young.A.Stewart.J.McKersall
A.Free.Webster.J.Dickens.Faulkner.Morgan.H.Duncan.
W.Blair.H.Reid.R.Cowley.G.Webster.J.Webster. C.Donald
L.Hindley,J.Smith,Hoyles,R.McGill,S.Fleetwood.J.Wild

Cessnock

A.McPherson.J.Kelling.B.Parsons.R.Austin.S.Bowden.W.Victor.
J.McWilliams,T.Rollo.Eddie Hodge.W.Carroll.T.Green.
W.Gregory.H.Otto.J.Gilmore.Jack Taylor.J.Harden.P.Hogan
Jack Wilkinson.C.Williams.Perce Lennard.B.McLaren.
Roy McNaughton.A.Parks.C.Thompson.J.McPherson.J.Smillie.
P.Hogan.

Reserve Grade entries

Kurri Kurri.Wallsend.Dudley.Neath.Hebburn.Pelaw Main.
Bellbird.Cardiff.

3rd Grade

Jesmond.Teralba.Boolaroo.Adamstown.Broadmeadow.Stockton.
Barnsley.Vickers.Mayfield.

4th Grade (A)

Adamstown.Broadmeadow.Cardiff.Catherine Hill Bay.Dudley
Charlestown.Hamilton No.1.Hamilton No.2.Kahibah.
Merewether.Advance.New Lambton.Redhead

4th Grade(B)

Wallsend.West Wallsend.Cardiff.Jesmond.Boolaroo.Teralba.
Holmesville NO.2 Holmesville No.1. Barnsley.Mayfield.
Stockton.Babers.

1927 Season

U/18 Grade

Adamstown.Wallsend.Dudley.Cardiff.West Wallsend.
Hamilton North.Boolaroo.Jesmond.New Lambton.Broadmeadow.
Merawether Advance.Teralba.Redhead.

U/16 Grade

Wallsend.Hamilton.New Lambton No.1'.New Lambton No.2.
West Wallsend.Broadmeadow.Adamstown.Holmesville.
Boolaroo.Merewether Advance.Cardiff.Hamilton North.
Catherine Hill Bay.

Newcastle Registered Referees

A.Harris.B.Lane.Sibley.Rizzolli.H.Hincks.Fred Harvey
R.Burns.H.H.Winley.J.Sneddon.G.Bartley.H.Williams
F.Denniss.W.Middleton.R.Roberts.S.Rudd.J.Roxby.J.Parsons.
W.Shipp.Matt Brown.S.Maitland.J.Nicholson.Charlie Nix.

South Maitland Stevenson Cup Teams

Neath/Abermain

R.Morgan.A.Jackson.A.Baldwin.R.Hughes.J.Porteous.
R.O'Brien.E.Jeffries.E.Turner.J.Kemp.J.Drinkwater
F.Horne.T.Sinclair

Kearsley

F.Jones.A.Hodge.G.Argow.H.Kearsley.J.Atkinson.J.Patrick.
P.Burgoyne.T.Wilkinson.J.Rutherford.H.Charlton.M.Stevens

Hebburn

Hunter.Partland.Gallagher.Roach.Doyle.Smith.A.Bates.
J.Bates.P.Bates.J.Bell.Young

Newcastle Richardson Cup Entries(State U/21)

Jesmond

S.Parsons.H.Hugo.C.Doyle.J.Hugo.M.Bullock.T.Robinson
F.Hugo.R.Sellwood.J.Bell.W.Garraty.W.Hall

Boolaroo

A.Gessell.R.Martin.C.Holmes.G.Hitchcock.V.Jackson.
A.Rees.J.McLaughlin.G.Robertson.J.Jackson.G.Spark.
P.McLaughlin.

Hamilton

S.Black.H.Sturgeon.H.Lochrin.G.Ashcroft.G.Brown.W.Denning.
F.Froude.J.Kibble.S.Rees.N.Saunders.W.Harvey.

1927 Aberdare Showground(March 1927)

A Pavilion kindly donated by the Superintendent of the
Caledonian Collieries Ltd.was erected in two days
by "Busy Bees" interested in the Aberdare Football
Club.

The opening day Aberdare v. Adamstown was officially
kicked off by Mrs Noonan wife of J.Noonan a most
Generous Patron of the Club



Chinese Football Team 1927 Tour
Top Row. Y. T. Leung. S. W. Wong. K. S. Tso. Lau Kan. K. P. Kwok
W. H. Pang. T. S. Lee. C. W. Chen
Centre Row. Y. T. Lai. C. Y. Woo (Assist Manager)
Prof. K. L. Wong (Manager) Leslie Kwong.
W. T. Lee
Front. K. C. Fung. K. T. Mak. H. H. Chou. K. I. Chan.

1927 Season

Chinese Tour Details

14/5/1927	NSW	6 v	China	3(Sydney)
18/5/1927	Metropolis	2 v	"	0(Sydney)
21/5/1927	Newcastle	7 v	"	2(Hobart Park)
25/5/1927	Victoria	3 v	"	4(Melbourne)
28/5/1927	Sth Australia	2 v	"	4(Adelaide)
4/6/1927	West Australia	1 v	"	4(Perth)
6/6/1927	West Australia	1 v	"	2(Perth)
11/6/1927	West Australia	4 v	"	1(Perth)
16/6/1927	Sth Australia	1 v	"	7(Adelaide)
18/6/1927	Australia XI	0 v	"	3(Adelaide)
22/6/1927	Victoria	0 v	"	4(Melbourne)
25/6/1927	Victoria	4 v	"	3(Melbourne)
2/7/1927	Australian XI	6 v	"	2(Melbourne)
7/7/1927	Metropolis	0 v	"	4(Sydney)
9/7/1927	Australia(1st)	6 v	"	1(Sydney)
12/7/1927	Gladesville Ryde	1 v	"	3(Gladesville)
13/7/1927	Newcastle	4 v	"	1(Hobart Park)
16/7/1927	Australia(2nd)	7 v	"	4(Brisbane)
18/7/1927	Brisbane(Lights)	3 v	"	6(Brisbane)
20/7/1927	Ipswich	2 v	"	0(Ipswich)
23/7/1927	Australia(3rd)	1 v	"	1(Hobart Park(Newcastle)
25/7/1927	South Maitland	1 v	"	1(Cessnock)
27/7/1927	South Maitland	3 v	"	3(Drill Hall K.Kurrd).
30/7/1927	Illawarra	6 v	"	3(Wollongong)
3/8/1927	Gladesville Ryde	3 v	"	0(Gladesville)
4/8/1927	Metropolis	1 v	"	6(Sydney)
6/8/1927	South Maitland	4 v	"	2(Weston)

1927 Season

On 25/7/1927 at the Pit Paddock Cessnock, The South Maitland side and China met

South Maitland 0 v China 0

H. Ashcroft (Kurri Kurri)
W. Victor (Cessnock)
J. Farrey (Kurri Kurri)
Tom Shakespeare (Aberdare)
J. B. "Digger" Evans (Aberdare)
T. E. Hill (Aberdare)
Jim Williams (Weston)
Jack Mannion (Weston)
S. Masters (Kurri Kurri)
A. Gibson (Weston)
H. Pringle (Kurri Kurri)

Referee J. Gilmour.

On the 27/7/1927 two days later at the Drill Hall ground Kurri Kurri both teams met again

South Maitland 3 v China 3

H. Ashcroft (Kurri Kurri)
Jim Beddow (Kurri Kurri)
Eddie Hodge (Cessnock)
S. Kidd (Cessnock)
C. Thompson (Weston)
Jim Williams (Weston)
J. Mackay (Kurri Kurri)
Jack Mannion (3) Weston
N. Price (Kurri Kurri)
Jack Drinkwater (Aberdare)
Jim Farrey (Kurri Kurri)

Referee J. Gilmour.

It took a third match to split these two teams, this time the match was played at the Homestead ground Weston. on the 6/8/1927.

South Maitland 4 v China 3

H. Ashcroft (Kurri Kurri)
Jim Farrey (Kurri Kurri)
Jim Beddow (Kurri Kurri)
S. Kidd (Cessnock)
C. Thompson (Weston)
J. B. "Digger" Evans (Aberdare)
N. Brennan (Aberdare)
A. Weir (Aberdare)
H. Pringle (Kurri Kurri)
Jack Mannion (Weston)
Jack Drinkwater (Aberdare)

Referee B. Evans.

1927 Season	3rd Test	
Australia	1 v China	1
23/7/1927 Hobart Park New Lambton.		
H. McKissock(Aberdare)		H. H. Chou
Arch Harris(Adamstown)		A. S. Lee
Eddie Hodge(Cessnock)		T. Lai
Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)		T. Leung
Clarrie Coutts(Capt)West Wallsend)		S. H. Wong
Les Bailey(Adamstown)		C. W. Chen
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)		H. S. Tso
Jack Mannion(Weston)		W. J. Lee (1)
Jack "Dingie" O'Brien(New Lambton) (1)		L. K. Tai
Jack Drinkwater(Aberdare)		K. C. Fung
Stan Bourke(Granville)		K. L. Chan

Referee B. Lane(Newcastle)

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL

23/7/1927

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CHINA AND AUSTRALIA DRAW.

A very large crowd attended at Hobart Park on Saturday to witness the third test match between Australia and China. The Chinese opened quietly, and it looked as if Australia were going to have an easy victory, but the visitors improved as the game advanced, and gave the crowd plenty to enthuse over. The visitors appeared to be trained to the minute, and at times were too fast for their opponents. The goal with which China equalised was one of the best ever scored on the ground, Lee sending in a shot, which few saw before it was in the net, and M'Kinnoek, the Australian goalkeeper, on the ground. He had dived for the ball, but the ball beat him. The crowd appeared to lean towards the visitors, who were very popular, and played the game in the best spirit possible. They replaced Lau for Chun in the second half, and near the finish had Lee and Lai injured. Both soon recovered, and were quickly in the game again. Bennis, the Sydney Eastern Suburbs player, was unable to take part, and Mannion, the Weston player, was placed centre forward for Australia. Nine northern players were thus in the team.

Teams:—

Australia.—Goal, H. M'Kinnoek; full-backs, A. Harris and E. Hodge; half-backs, F. Coolahan, C. Coutts, and L. Bailey; forwards, S. Burke, A. Cameron, J. Mannion, J. O'Brien, and J. Drinkwater.

China.—Goal, H. H. Chou; full-backs, A. S. Lee and T. Lai; half-backs, T. Leung, S. H. Wong, and C. W. Chen; forwards, H. S. Tso, W. T. Lee, L. K. Tai, K. C. Fung, K. L. Chan.

Referee, B. Lane.

Lee won the toss for China, and hesitated before deciding to kick from the main end. After the preliminary clap had been given, Mannion kicked off for Australia. The ball went to Cameron, to Burke, who slipped round Chen, but Lai cut in and cleared. The ball was returned, and Australia again attacked. O'Brien headed over Leung, and sent to the middle, where S. Lee intercepted and booted hard up the field. So far Australia had done all the attacking, and the spectators were beginning to anticipate a very easy victory. The Chinese appeared slow, and lacked vim. Suddenly they altered their tactics. They booted the ball hard, every kick had a sting in it, and the ball was sent to their own man. Tso showed a pair of heels to Hodge, and then swung the ball to the centre. It was deflected to Fung, who was unmarked. Fung stopped the ball, and then drew his foot well back, and to the shock of all sent the ball hard and high over the bar. China came again, and this time T. Lee lifted it too high. Australia carried play to China's goal, and the ball was lifted high into the centre. Chou ran out of goal and kicked the ball off Mannion's head down the field. The cheer for the save stopped when the Chinese goalkeeper was seen to fall. The ambulance men attended to him, and Chou soon recovered.

He stopped a long shot from Bailey and cleared O'Brien's return. Australia's only goal came from Coolahan's cross, O'Brien sending into the net as Mannion followed it. Australia, 1; China, 0. Restarting, Australia came again, but Wong's head was in the way and the ball went to Tai, who sent hard up the left to Chan. Harris slipped, and Chan centred. A hot attack on Australia's goal resulted, McHarrock just deflecting Fung's shot over the bar. The corner was cleared, but Leung returned the ball, which was going into the centre when it struck a defender, and went behind for a further corner. This was cleared. For some time China had the best of the game. They made the pace a cracker, and fed both wings, but when near goal they were weak. They either lifted the ball too high, or sent it wide. Half-time arrived with the score: Australia, 1; China, 0.

Returning to the field Australia's attack was cut short. Wong stopped O'Brien, and sent out to Lau, who crossed. Hodge pumped and headed the ball away. Lee secured the ball, and he put it across the field. Fung misjudged the bounce, and Bailey cutting in secured it, and raced down the left. He sent to O'Brien, who gave to Drinkwater. The winger centred, but S. Lee cleared. Play was in Australia's penalty area when T. Lee secured and slipped over to the left and then shot. The cheers were deserved. T. Lee had equalised for China, with a brilliant shot, and his team mates rushed him with their congratulations. After this neat play by Coolahan, Cameron, and Bourke was carried too far and when Chen got the chance he cleared without any hesitation. China came away, Coolahan kicked over the top of the ball, and as Fung was moving after it Harris got his foot to the ball and sent it away. China again began to swing the ball, and the Australian half-backs were patchy. Courts was slow when he stopped Leung's pass, and so he lost the ball to Wong, who booted hard up the centre. Tai secured, but his shot went beyond the far post. Then T. Lee shot over the bar. China was playing well, and made ground quickly. They repeatedly intercepted passes sent by the Australian defenders to the forwards, and the Australian left wing was for a time quite subdued. Australia scored two free kicks, Chen having used the elbow.

The kicks were cleared. Time was drawing on, and Australia became anxious. They attacked on the right wing. Cameron's shot was blocked, and a moment later he was too slow to accept O'Brien's cross. Then Mannion headed in, while Chou ran out and cleared Courts' return. Lee was injured in a collision with Drinkwater, the Australian holding the Chinese player up until the game was stopped. Lee soon resumed. Then T. Lee fell as O'Brien ran ahead. O'Brien's foot caught Lee on the head. The ball was left alone by O'Brien, and the ambulance men rushed on the field. Lee rose, and though groggy continued. Then Lai fell, and was helped off the field, but within a minute he was back on again. The end of the game favoured Australia, but the Chinese defence won through, the result being China 1, Australia 1.

1927 Season

New South Wales

6 v China

3

Sydney 14/5/1927

E. Aitchison (Granville)
 Perce Moore (Wallsend)
 Eddie Hodge (Cessnock)
 Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)
 Gil Storey (Balmain Gladestone)
 Harry Spurway (Gladesville)
 J. Hain (Annandale)
 Alec Cameron (Adamstown)
 Judy Masters (Balgownie)
 J. Veigal (Woonona)
 W. Kerr (South Coast)

Australia

6 v China

1

Sydney 1st Test) 9/7/1927

H. McKissock (Aberdare)
 J. Crum (Sydney)
 Eddie Hodge (Cessnock)
 Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)
 Clarrie Coutts (West Wallsend) (Capt)
 A. Park (Q)
 Stan Bourke (Granville)
 Alec Cameron (Adamstown)
 Judy Masters (Balgownie)
 Titch Thompson (Balgownie)
 H. Robertson (Balmain Gladestone)

Australia

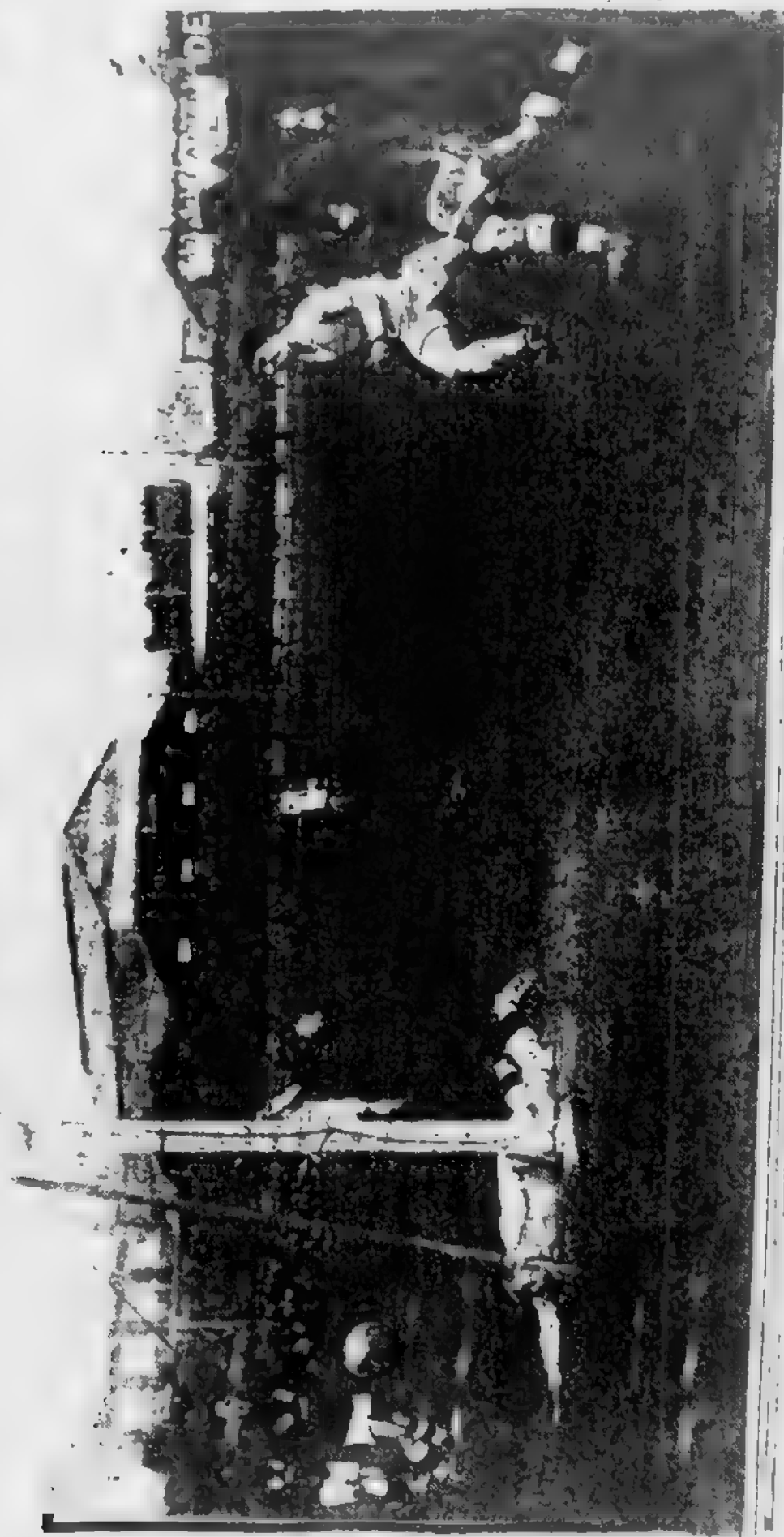
7 v China

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Brisbane 16/7/1927

Hall (Q)
 Steel (Q)
 Clark (Q)
 A. Murray (Q)
 A. Marshal (Q)
 A. Park (Q) (Capt)
 T. Traynor (Q)
 Ernie Owen (Wallsend)
 J. Veigal (Woonona)
 A. Edwards (Granville)
 Alec Cameron (Adamstown)
 H. Robertson (Balmain Gladestone)

**Would you please note that Mr. Hall took sick prior to the match and Ernie Owen (Wallsend) Gaurded the Net.
 Players are not in correct positions.



THE CHINESE CHA-KEE'S EFFECTING A WONDERFUL SAVE AT THE LINGTAN FROM LINGTAN
WALL, CHINA, 1900

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1927 Season

Second Chinese Team Tours Australia.

During the year China again visited Australia and the party consisted.

Y.T.Leung.S.W.Wong.K.S.TSO,Lau Lau Kan,K.P.Kwok.W.H.Pang,
T.S.Lee,C.E.Chen.Y.T.Lai,C.Y.Woo(Assist Manager)
Leslie Kwong,W.T.Lee,K.C.Fung.K.T.Mak.H.H.Chou,K.J.Chan.

China Comes to Newcastle

On 21/5/1927 China played Newcastle at Hobart Park, New Lambton a suburb of Newcastle.

The teams were

Newcastle	7 v China	2
	Hobart Park New Lambton.	
P.Jordan(New Lambton)	H.H.Chou	
Arch Harris(Adamstown)	T.S.Lee	
Perce Moore(Wallsend)	K.Lau	
Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)	Y.T.Leung	
Clarrie Coutts(West Wallsend)	S.W.Wong	
J.Bush(Adamstown)	C.W.Chen	
C.James(West Wallsend)	K.S.Tso	
Alec Cameron(3)Adamstown)	K.C.Fung	
Gavin Russell(3)Adamstown)	Y.T.Lai	
Jack O'Brien(1)New-Lambton)	Y.T.Lai 41 WEI Tong	
E.Spruce(New Lambton)	W.J.Lee(Capt)	

A second match between the two teams was played on 13/7/1927
Newcastle 4 v China 1

Jack Coutts(West Wallsend)
Arch Harris(Adamstown)
Jim Beddow(Kurri Kurri)
Frank Coolahan(1)West Wallsend)
J.Taylor(Capt)Cessnock)
L.Bailey(Adamstown)
C.James(1)West Wallsend)
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)
Gavin Russell(Adamstown)
Jack Mannion(Weston)
Roy McNaughton(2)Cessnock)

Referee Fred Harvey.



Captains in the Newcastle v China match
Clarrie Coutts & China, Capt. Li Wei Tong
Newcastle won 7-2.

SCIENTIFIC VISITORS TIRE HALF-WAY THROUGH FAST GAME

Chinese women was accompanied by American friends at Robert Park on
October afternoon in the time of 7:15
A major was interviewed. The visiting Korean party so found the park too hot
and were to leave in the second half that afternoon did practically
as they leave.

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FACTSHEET: IT'S ABOUT THE MIND

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Prudence is necessary in the development of the young man and the young woman. It is the duty of the parent to teach the child to be prudent. The child should be taught to be prudent in his or her actions, in his or her speech, and in his or her associations. The child should be taught to be prudent in his or her use of money, in his or her use of time, and in his or her use of his or her body. The child should be taught to be prudent in his or her choice of friends, in his or her choice of activities, and in his or her choice of careers. The child should be taught to be prudent in his or her choice of a spouse. The child should be taught to be prudent in his or her choice of a home. The child should be taught to be prudent in his or her choice of a country. The child should be taught to be prudent in his or her choice of a life.

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1927 Season

Kerr Cup Series

Round.1. Cessnock	4	■	Holmesville	0
New Lambton	2	■	Cardiff	1
Wallsend	1	v	Weston	0
West Wallsend	4	v	Newcastle	0
Kurri Kurri	5	■	WallsendRoyals	3

Byes. Adamstown, Aberdare.

Round.2.

Cessnock	5	v	Wallsend	3
Kurri Kurri	1	v	Adamstown	0
West Wallsend	3	v	Aberdare	2

New Lambton (Bye)

Semi Final

West Wallsend	2	v	New Lambton	1
Cessnock	4	v	Kurri Kurri	1

Final Kerr Cup

Cessnock	3	v	West Wallsend	3
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***Please note no replay occurred, West Wallsend objected to the ground allocation

Cessnock were then declared winners on forfeit.

The drawn match players were.

Cessnock	3	v	West Wallsend	3
Bobby Austin(1)			Jack Coutts	
T.Green			H.James	
H.Otto			S.Wood	
J.Harden			C.James	
B.McLaren			Clarrie Coutts(1)	
A.Park			H.Muir	
Perce Lennard(1)			G.Ross	
Roy McNaughton(1)			J.Hodge(1)	
Jack Wilkinson			Les Brown	
E.Hodge			Dave Kaiser	
J.Taylor			Di McLaughlin(1)	

Referee R.Errington.

Gardiner Cup

Cessnock were defeated by Gladesville Ryde 2x1 in the semi final

Full details at the end of 1928 season.

1927 Aberdare Central

1927 Aberdare Central



Back Row: J Jack, Mr Field (Ref), R Austen, D Tonner, W Thompson
2nd Row: T Fisher (Mgr), E Brennan, J Maloney, S Bowden, G Davies, D Gilmore, F Leonard (Coach)
Front Row: W Mathieson, C Williams (Capt), W Weir, S Stanmore

1927 Season

Cessnock Winners Premiership, Kerr and Ellis Cups.



Back Row. T. Herd, W. Miller, J. Rennix, J. Harden, R. Barnes,
Davis

2nd Row. A. Roach, G. Jack, T. Green, A. Park, R. Austin, E. Hodge,
B. McLaren, J. Gilmore, H. Bews.

Front Row. T. Hepplewhite, W. Victor, J. Taylor (Capt)

T. Crawford (Pres) H. Otto, P. Hogan, B. Green (Sec)

Seated. C. Williams

Newcastle District British Football Association

ANNUAL REPORT for 1927

To be submitted to the Annual General Meeting, to be held
at the Trades Hall, Newcastle, on Saturday, 18th February,
1928 at 7 p.m.

Gentlemen—

Your Executive have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for Season 1927 for your consideration and adoption, and desire to thank the Delegates to Council, Committees, Officials and Members of the Clubs under their control for their assistance and hearty co-operation.

PROGRESS

During the year under review, 51,577 persons paid for admission into grounds controlled by your Association (exclusive of club-controlled matches) and which was a very large increase on the previous year, due to the visits of the Chinese and Czech-Slovakian teams.

INTERNATIONAL AND REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

The first team from H.M.S. Renown met a Newcastle eleven at Hobart Park on 9th April, and was defeated by 5 goals to 2.

CHINESE TEAM

On May 21st the touring Chinese team, managed by Professor K. L. Kwong, played on Hobart Park and was defeated by 7 goals to 2 by a team selected from Newcastle only.

They were again defeated by Newcastle on July 13th, by 4 goals to 1.

On July 23rd the Third Test Match was played on Hobart Park, and resulted in a draw, 1—1.

The tourists also played two draws, and were defeated once by the Mainland teams, the scores being 1—1, 3—3, and 4—2.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN MATCHES

The Czech-Slovakian team met a selected Northern District team on Headquarters on the 4th and was victorious, defeating our representatives by 5 goals to 4.

On June 21st they met a team from Newcastle only, and were defeated 5 goals to 2. The Mainland players also gained a victory over them by 3 goals to 1.

The following players represented N.S.W. and Australia in the matches against the Czechs and Chinese, and to them we offer our congratulations—Alex Cameron (Adamstown) having the unique record of representing his State and Australia in every Test Match; T. Hodge (Cessnock), P. Moore (Wallaseed), F. Coolahan (W. Wallaseed), A. Harris (Adamstown), R. McNaughton (Cessnock), C. Coutts (W. Wallaseed), L. Bailey (Adamstown), J. O'Brien (Wallaseed), J. Drinkwater (Aberdare).

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

A team from this State visited Adelaide, and succeeded in winning the Marshall Shield, going through the tour undefeated, scoring 42 goals against 2. The following players from this Assn. had the honor of representing the State: J. Hunterworth (Adamstown), W. Morgan (Adamstown), H. Parker (Adamstown), W. Forrester (Wallaseed), and W. Coolahan (W.W.). We extend to these juniors our hearty congratulations.

Previous to selecting the team that finally represented the State, Newcastle met Mainland Juniors twice and defeated them on both occasions, the scores being 2—1 and 3—1.

INTERSTATE SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

The following boys from Newcastle Schools represented the State in Melbourne, and succeeded in again winning the Referee Challenge Shield—Walters, Herd, Ray, Patterson, D., and F. Harrison, and Hughes. Our heartfelt congratulations are also extended to these boys.

COMPETITIONS

After a long term of district football, the Rules and Revision meeting of last season decided that club football should operate for 1927, and which necessitated the revising of the rules. Every leniency was extended to the clubs by the Committee, but now that the clubs have had the experience of one season, it is hoped that they will conform strictly to the laws in the future.

Seventy-three teams entered in the various grades, the membership totalling 1530.

In the Senior Grade, 10 teams entered. Neath did not form, the remaining teams being the same as the previous season.

Cessnock, who gained 31 points, were premiers, and won the Ellis Cup and Premiership medals. They also won the final trophies by defeating Adamstown 2 to nil.

RESERVE GRADE

The Reserve Grade was again conducted under the joint control of S.M.B.F.A. and N.D.B.F.A., and 14 teams entered, there being six from Newcastle.

Kurri won the double event, and secured the Middleton and the Harvey Cup and medals, defeating Wallsend in the final, 3 goals to 1.

THIRD GRADE

Nine teams entered in this competition, and two rounds were played. Terahua won both the premiership and the final, gaining 29 points and secured the Lyall Cup and medals, and by defeating Boolaroo in the final (1 to nil) secured the final medals also.

FOURTH GRADE

Twenty-three teams entered for this competition, and it was divided into two divisions. Premiers of each division received a Cup and medals, the two leading teams in each divisions playing off for the final trophies.

The A Division Premiership was won by Hamilton North, who gained 33 points, and received the Scott Cup and medals; while Wallsend, on 40 points, received the Bryant Cup and medals. West Wallsend won the Final trophies by defeating Wallsend 4 goals to nil.

UNDER 18

The Under 18 Competition was productive of some very fine football. Thirteen teams entered, Adamstown remaining undefeated, and scoring the maximum number of points—24. They also won the final, defeating W. Wallsend 3 to nil after playing a 1 all draw the previous week. Adamstown therefore secured the Wills Cup and two sets of medals.

UNDER 16

Twelve teams entered, and Wallsend again won the Howard Cup and medals, gaining 42 points; and also won the final trophies, defeating Hamilton by 4 goals to 1.

POINT SCORES

The Competition Tables are as follows:

SENIOR

	P.	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cessnock	18	77	24	31	Holmesville	18	38	50	16
W. Wallsend	18	64	19	29	Weston	18	58	55	14
Aberdare	18	50	37	24	N. Lambton	18	36	47	14
Adamstown	18	54	45	21	Wallsend	18	39	54	12
Kurri	18	52	47	19	Newcastle	18	16	116	0

THIRD GRADE

	P.	F.	A.	Pla.		P.	F.	A.	Pla.
Jeonond	16	56	17	27	Stockton	16	11	72	9
Toralba	16	50	15	29	Barnsley	16	11	22	9
Boolaroo	16	64	22	25	Vickers	16	17	53	4
Adamstown	16	47	19	25	Moyfield	16	5	39	2
B. Meadow	16	23	27	14					

FOURTH GRADE, A. Division

Merewether	20	36	27	24	C. H. Bay	20	34	40	18
Ham. Nth. (1)	20	66	26	33	Dudley	20	14	79	18
Kahibah	20	50	23	29	Ham. Nth. (2)	20	32	69	14
N. Lambton	20	57	31	27	Adamstown	20	3	27	5
Redhead	20	63	32	26	B. Meadow	20	1	16	0
Charlestown	20	45	31	28					

FOURTH GRADE, B. Division

Wallsend	22	84	30	40	Toralba	22	27	43	17
W. Wallsend	22	102	21	39	Barnsley	22	39	53	17
Cardiff	22	88	32	37	Moyfield	22	18	64	15
Jeonond	21	61	36	31	Stockton	22	30	66	19
Boolaroo	21	41	34	21	Holmesville (2)	22	14	68	8
Holmesville (1)	22	33	28	20	Barbers	22	30	72	7

UNDER 18

Adamstown	12	68	7	24	Jeonond	12	12	34	18
Wallsend	12	49	16	10	N. Lambton	12	17	59	9
Dudley	12	45	13	19	B. Meadow	12	16	39	6
Cardiff	12	58	25	16	Merewether	12	27	33	5
W. Wallsend	12	44	22	16	Toralba	12	3	13	2
Ham. Nth.	12	31	23	16	Redhead	12	7	84	2
Boolaroo	12	25	21	12					

UNDER 16

Wallsend	22	140	14	42	Holmesville	22	24	53	18
Hamilton	22	60	10	37	Boolaroo	22	44	46	17
New Lambton	22	39	21	34	Merewether	22	25	84	14
W. Wallsend	22	83	25	32	Cardiff	22	25	50	11
B. Meadow	22	44	35	24	C. H. Bay	22	11	61	8
Adamstown	22	40	61	22	Ham. Nth.	22	20	95	7

KERR CUP (Northern Senior Championship)

This competition was again restricted to Northern teams, and 14 teams entered. The Semi-final four were Kurri, Cesnock, W. Wallsend and New Lambton. Cesnock defeated Kurri 4 to 1, and W. Wallsend defeated New Lambton 2 to 1. The Final was played at Hobart Park and resulted in a draw, 3 all. The replay was ordered to be played at Weston, but W. Wallsend failed to raise a team, and Cesnock received the Kerr Cup and medals.

The following is the list of winners since the inception of the Cup:

1914 Merewether	1921 Wallsend
1915 Merewether	1922 West Wallsend
1916 No Competition	1923 Cesnock
1917 No Competition	1924 West Wallsend
1918 West Wallsend	1925 Adamstown
1919 West Wallsend	1926 Adamstown
1920 West Wallsend	1927 Cesnock

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CUP (Northern Junior Championship)

Nineteen teams entered, and West Wallsend and Adamstown met in the Final, and played a 2 all draw. In the replay, W. Wallsend won by 4 goals to 1, thus securing the Cup and medals.

GARDINER CUP (State Championship)

This event was controlled by the State Association, and for the first time since 1922 a Northern team failed to win the coveted honour. Gosnork was defeated by Gladesville-Ryde in the Semifinal at Weston. Gladesville afterwards won the event. To the winners we offer our congratulations.

RICHARDSON CUP (Junior State Championship)

Gosnork West End was the successful team in this event. The nearest Newcastle team was Adamstown, who were defeated by the ultimate winners of Junior Championship event.

SCHOOLS' SOCCER

Thirty-three teams entered in the various school competitions. The A Grade was won by Technical College, B Grade by Central (1), C Grade by Plattsburg, and the D Grade, which was divided into two sections, was won by New Lambton and Wallsend.

The trophies were supplied by your Association, and the Finals and Semi-finals were played on Hobart Park on Friday afternoons and also as early games to the big Saturday matches.

Representative school matches between Sydney and Newcastle schools were played, and assistance was rendered the schools by appointing referees to these games. Every school playing Soccer was supplied with No. 4 footballs, which were greatly appreciated, while financial assistance was also rendered the P.S.A.A. in an endeavour to foster the code in the schools, and letters of thanks and appreciation have been received from the Secretary of that Association.

The Marist Brothers again conducted their own competition, and the Cup and trophies were donated by your Association. Referees also assisted in these matches, and Bro. Patrick, who was sports master for this competition, appreciated the assistance rendered.

GROUNDS

Hobart Park was again the Headquarters for Association-controlled games. The playing area was a decided improvement on the previous season. During the early part of the year the drainage was not as effective as usual, the cause being broken pipes in the main line. These, however, have since been replaced, and a large amount of top dressing has been used which will make the playing area a great deal better.

Young Wallsend ground was also used for Junior games, and Weston and Aberdare Clubs' grounds were availed of by the Committee. We thank these clubs for their assistance in allowing the use of the ground to stage fixtures.

Hobart Park has now been let to the Australian Coursing Association for a term of five years at a very good rental, and an extra 510 by 80 feet has been purchased and the fence has been removed and re-erected on the new lines. The playing area fence has been extended and made an oval on the eastern side, thereby catering for a large attendance. Extra turnstiles have been erected, and the ground greatly improved.

Twelve Saturdays have been reserved by your Association to stage the Cup ties and Final and Semi-final matches. From the revenue derived from the leasing of the ground the liability has been greatly relieved. When the full liability on this ground is paid off, it will be a wonderful asset and surety in assisting individual clubs to secure their own ground.

FINANCE

The cash receipts for the year total £4053 16s 11d, which is an increase on the actual cash receipts of last season. International matches were responsible for the increase in gate receipts, which totalled £1303 16s 6d—an increase over the previous year of £1043 16s 3d. Rental of Hobart Park of £162 is also a noticeable item of revenue.

Czecho-Slovakians' Clever Soccer SUCCESS DESERVED SATURDAY'S MATCH

(By "Goalie")

The Czecho-Slovakian Soccer team, which defeated Northern District in a stirring game at Hobart Park on Saturday, gave the crowd plenty to enthuse over.

The visitors declined to wear numbers, because it is not done in their own country.

The wearing of numbers is a decided help to spectators, and the Czechs should be persuaded to follow the custom of this country.

The game was a thriller from start to finish. The opening rush of the Czechs was a pretty movement, and the ball was over the goal line, though outside the posts before a local man had touched it.

When, in the second half, the North led by three to one few of the spectators anticipated anything, but a northern victory, but the Czechs had other ideas. They came with a sweeping rush, and scored a lucky goal. Then they swept the Northerners off their feet, and equalized.

They took the lead with a wonderfully executed goal, and kept it, defeating the North.

They finished, as they had started, full of dash, and neat play.

Had the Luck

Though the visitors won, the run of luck was with them. Their first goal appeared well offside. When Fine sent well forward Knizek was ahead of everyone. He appeared to know that, and hesitated. When the whistle did not go, Knizek ran ahead. He crossed to back Masata, who netted easily.

Their second goal did not have legs to go into the net. It rebounded off legs and tricked in. Jordan did not move until too late and that goal, which should have been saved easily, counted.

Though the luck was with the visitors, they deserved their success and the cheers of the crowd proved that the North did not begrudge the Czechs their success. When a team finds itself two goals down, and depends on its legs to get back, not on the Czechs.

A good attack means a good defence, and the visitors were ever ready to make their sudden bursts.

Smart Rushes

It was not their fault if the Northern defence, or the referee, made errors. They got the goals. The third goal was the result of a quick rush. A few passes, and then the net.

The fourth came with another rush, but this time it was a one-man rush by Knizek. He found the northern defence far up the field, and cleared away, with Harris and Eggdon in pursuit.

Knizek kept the ball under control and wound up a thrilling run by putting the ball neatly over Jordan's head into the goal. It was a brilliant effort, brilliantly executed, and brilliantly finished.

In midfield play the visitors were miles too good for the locals. They indulged in some very neat passing bouts, and placed the ball with clock work precision. They could take a bump or give one. Fine at centre half was the most noticed player. He was everywhere.

Such the goal-keeper, in a big chap. He takes risks but is a good goal-keeper, and made himself very popular. His facial expressions when he almost lost his pants in the last minutes of the game were a study.

Star Forward
Knizek, the "inside" right, was the star forward, but the whole team blended well, and in general ball control, gave the North a lesson.

The locals had a few weaknesses. Cameron had a decidedly off-day, and McNaughton was weak. Mannion who was in his proper inside left position, did not shine.

Taylor, at centre half, placed well, but lacks "devil," and as a tackling half-back he was a failure.

Coolahan Shines
The star man was Frank Coolahan, whether defending or attacking. The warty man was in it. He got one goal. His pass got another. He stepped a few, and on Saturday was the best man on the field.

Bailey, the Adamstown half, was also good. He never tires, and he bobbed up and down in very persistent fashion.

Cessnock Match
The Czecho-Slovakians will play at Cessnock on Wednesday. They will meet the specially selected South Maitland team.

The game is arousing great interest on the coast, and should be a thriller.

Gate Charges
The gate charges for these games are still too high, and while Saturday's attendance was large, it was not large enough. It appeared, greater than it really was.

To argue that the other man is to blame for a 2s charge will not remedy the error. Eighteenpence is sufficient, and the charge should for future games be reduced to that.

The industrial position must be considered in relation to gate charges. Too high charges do not necessarily mean big gate receipts.

LESSONS IN EVERYTHING

Discussing the soccer match between the Northern District and the Czechs, "Yerky" writes:—
 The Czechs certainly taught our players a few lessons in everything, but do our players take notice of the skilful displays of visitors from overseas.

The Canadians, Chinese, Englishmen and now the Czechs gave us exhibitions of combination and team work, but some of our teams stick to the old "kick and rush" method, which will never make any headway in soccer.

I was surprised at the way the Czechs adapted themselves to the wet conditions, which I thought would have favored the local men. They are clever at ball control, passing movements, keeping the ball low; there is no dallying with a free kick, or a throw-in; they head only when necessary, and did not head a ball if it could be controlled on the ground, and never kicked at high balls.

COOL DEFENDERS

They also step forward to meet a bouncing ball, vary their movements from the kick-off, working the ball through from toe to toe, and it was noticeable how cool they were defending their own goal. One I noticed a full-back, who, instead of bashing his foot at the ball, just tapped it in front to a "half" unmarked. Their centre-half was an object lesson to all our players. Newcastle (or Northern) players' faults were very noticeable. Of course, they didn't get much of the ball to do much good.

We never saw the ball kicked high towards the Newcastle goal, and the Czech forwards rushing in, wondering where the ball was going to drop.

Did Newcastle gain much by the well-known "best defence" course attack is the best defence. They certainly stopped the Czechs' advances, and perhaps prevented a score—also giving the "ref." more worry through doubtful off-sides.

ROUGH ON REFEREE

When the free-kick was taken, it was either booted in the air or badly placed. I don't think the off-side tactics were much help.

I notice the poor referee gets a rough time in these games. In the Chinese match Newcastle had a soft thing on, and the majority of the crowd barracked for the Chinese, and abused the referee if he missed any fouls or free-kicks that the Chinese should have had. Again, on Saturday, Newcastle were up against something superior, and the referee was abused again, because he gave decisions against Newcastle, which the crowd thought were wrong.

1928 Season.

President.A.A.Stirling

Secretary.P.J.Shepperd

Treasurer.W.J.Stevens

THIS WAS THE YEAR OF THE BIG BREAKAWAY. Things had been simmering for the last couple of years and at the end of the 1927 season, many meetings (some legal, some illegal) were held. This resulted in many teams and clubs walking away from the Association at the beginning of 1928. (To avoid any insinuations and for easier understanding, the old Association will be termed "LOYALISTS" from now on.)

Seven teams entered the senior Loyalist competition. They were Adamstown Rosebud, Cardiff, Holmesville, Hamilton, West Wallsend Bluebells, Wallsend Royals, and New Lambton.

1928 Ella Cup	Adamstown	Cardiff	Holmesville	New Lambton	Wallsend Royals	West Wallsend	Points
Adamstown	X	9-1, 2-0	5-2, 4-0	3-0, 3-1	10-0, 4-1	6-2, 3-4	18
Cardiff	1-8, 0-2	X	3-1, 1-3	0-3, 1-3	5-2, 0-4	0-1, 3-4	4
Holmesville	2-5, 0-4	1-3, 3-1	X	2-2, 6-1	2-0, 0-1	0-1, 1-3	7
New Lambton	0-1, 1-3	3-0, 3-1	2-2, 1-6	X	3-3, 4-1	0-1, 4-8	8
Wallsend Royals	0-10, 1-4	2-5, 4-0	0-2, 1-0	3-3, 1-4	X	1-6, 0-4	5
West Wallsend	2-6, 4-2	1-0, 4-3	1-0, 5-1	1-0, 6-4	6-1, 4-0	X	18

In the first Semi Final

Adamstown 3 v Holmesville 2

The Second Semi Final

New Lambton 3 v West Wallsend 0

Final

New Lambton 1 v Adamstown 0

The State Final at Hobart Park New Lambton 1/10/1928

New Lambton 2 v Balgownie 2

P. Jordan

F. Smith

R. Scott

P. Hunter

D. Morgan

R. Ward

J. Allen

R. Bowman

E. Spruce

W. Johnston

J. Robertson

N. Swan

H. Coates

J. Murphy(1)

Jack "Dingie" O'Brien(1)

D. Ward

Bill "Podge" Maunder(1)

Judy Masters(1)

W. Blair

J. Scarlett

H. Dent

S. Ward.

Referee C. Wales

Replay

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Replay State Loyalist Final

Balgownie	3 v New Lambton	0
Jardine	P. Jordan	
J. Parker	R. Scott	
R. Ward	D. Morgan	
Hazleton	J. Allen	
N. Swan	E. Spruce	
W. Johnston	J. Robertson	
J. Murphy	H. Coates	
L. Parker (1)	Jack "Dingie" O'Brien	
Judy Masters(1)	Bill "Podge" Maunder	
James	W. Blair	
Chilvers(1)	Leddon.	

Referee C. Wales.

Southern League Loyalists

Metropolitan Semi Final

Pymont	7 v Auburn	1
Redfern Oval 4/9/1928		
Verity	Callaghan	
Sym	Bainbridge	
Richards	Stevens	
Humphries	Cole	
Cohen	C. McKay	
O'Toole	Hill	
Alf Quill(2)	Hutchinson(1)	
Turner(2)	Hilder	
J. Callaghan(2)	A. McKay	
Booth(1)	Nialcolm	
Doig	D. McKay	

Referee G. McLeay.

Semi Final

Balgownie	1 v Canterbury	0
At Balgownie		

Jardine	Gregg
J. Parker	McLaren
Ward	Helerick
W. Johnston	Arrighi
Hazleton	Reid
N. Swan	Dibbs
J. Murphy	Courtney
Judy Masters(1)	McLeod
L. Parker	Forbes
James	Ruffell
McDonald	Holsin
Chilvers	

Referee T. Leighton

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METROPOLITAN LOYALIST FINAL AT THE S.C.G. 25/9/1928

Pymont	7 v Balgownie	1
Verity	Jardine	
Sym	Hunter	
Robinson	R.Ward	
Thomas	W.Johnston	
Cohen	Hazleton	
O'Toole	J.Parker	
Alf Quill(1)	D.Ward(1)	
Callaghan(1)	S.Parker	
Turner(2)	S.Ward	
Booth(1)	Scarlett	
Doig(2)	Murphy	

Referee.C.Wales.

**Please note that you will read more on player
Alf Quill in later volumes, who would become a legend
in Northern Football and Australian Football

Visit By Victoria

Victoria visited NSW during the season and played one
match.

This game only involved the "Loyalists" who at this
stage were still trying to avert a full breakaway.

Playing in Sydney

NSW 2 v Victoria 3

P.Jordan(New Lambton)
Arch Harris(Adamstown)
S.Woods(West Wallsend)
Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)
J.Ireland(Corrimal)
L.Bailey(Adamstown)
G.Murphy(Balgownie)
Alec Cameron(Adamstown)
George Smith(Corrimal)
W.Kerr(Corrimal)
Titch Thompson(Balgownie)

1928

U/18

Adamstown. New Lambton. Summerhill. Cardiff. Holmesville
West Wallsend. Dudley. Merewether Advance. Hamilton. Jesmond.
Broadmeadow. Minmi. Boolaroo. Catherine Hill Bay.

U/16

Adamstown. New Lambton. Wallsend. Cardiff. West Wallsend
Dudley. Merewether Advance. Hamilton. Hamilton North.
Broadmeadow. Boolaroo.

Wallsend Tinslashes.

1928 saw the 5th Annual meeting of the Wallsend Amateur
Football Club (Tinslashers)

Officials of the Club were

President Hughie Parkes

Vice President Albert Partridge

Secretary. R. Llewellyn

Team Manager Jack Hirst (Senr)

Coach Jock Parkes.

Committee.

Harry Herd, Earl Saunders, B. Callum, Bill Kirkwood

G. Wardle, Jack Hirst, J. Richards, Bill Parkes.

1928 Season

NSW Tours Queensland

NSW played two matches against the Queensland team
Queensland winning the first match 3x2

NSW won the second match 4x3

The NSW touring party comprised the following

NSW team vs Queensland - 1928



Back Row: Jure and G Smith, F Smith, I Richards, J. J. J. J.
2nd Row: H Coates, W Kerr, Jack O'Brien, G Murphy, W Biers, W Ison
Front Row: L Bailey, A Harris, Capt. S Storey, Mgr. A Cameron, T Thompson



1928 Australian Touring Team to Java

Back Row. Chas O'Connor. A. Marshall. A. Cameron. H. Johnson
 F. Smith. E. M. Gregory. C. Deacon. J. Grieves.
 J. Johnstone. F. Coolahan
 2nd Row G. A. Jordan. E. S. Lukeman (Sec) T. Traynor (Capt)
 W. C. Weskin. A. Harris. W. Bellis
 Front. L. Cook. T. Thompson. H. Coates. S. Hinton. H. Robertson.



Bellbird 1928.

Back Row. W. Parkes. J. Hobson. J. Clelland.
 3rd Row. J. Edmunds. M. Ross. G. Barnes. R. Pettigrew.
 2nd Row. H. Knox. J. Peters. J. Hughes. J. Rutherford. P. Lennard
 J. Mathieson. J. Stoker.
 Front. Boyd.

1928 Season

Loyalists Tour Dutch East Indies

The Australian squad for the tour was.

F. Smith (N.S.W) Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)
 Arch Harris (Adamstown) T. Traynor (Q) Capt) S. Deacon (S. Aust)
 C. O'Connor () A. Marshall (Q) S. Hinton (S. Aust) J. Greaves (Vic)
 Alec Cameron (Adamstown) T. Thompson (Balgownie) J. Johnson (Vic)
 Harold Coates (New Lambton) H. Robertson (Concord) L. Cook (Vic)

Details of Tour.

Australia	2 v Macassar	1
"	1 v H.S.B.	1
"	3 v Sourabaya	1
"	4 v Excelsior	1
"	5 v Simarang	3
"	3 v SIMARANG	0
"	■ v Chinese Java XI	1
"	4 v Baidiong	3
"	2 v University	0
"	4 v Malay	2
"	■ v Duke Wellington	2
"	■ v European XI	0
"	3 v Baidiong	1
"	4 v Chirbou	0
"	2 v Mota Simarang	2
"	0 v HSB Sourabaya	0
"	3 v Excelsior	1
"	■ v Java XI	2
"	■ v Sourabaya	1
"	3 v THOR	0
"	4 v Macassar	0

Goalscorers on tour were

A. Cameron (19) Titch Thompson (18) Deacon (8) H. Robertson (7)
 H. Coates (5) L. Cook (2) J. Greaves (1)

Upon their return The Australian team played NSW in Sydney.

Australia	0 v New South Wales	2
F. Smith (Balgownie)	A. Verity (Pymont)	
Arch Harris (Adamstown)	S. Woods (West Wallsend)	
T. Traynor (Q) Capt)	R. Taylor (Adamstown)	
S. Hinton (S. Aust)	V. Turnbull (Adamstown)	
A. Marshall (Q)	Clarrie Coutts (West Wallsend)	
Frank Coolahan (West Wallsend)	L. Bailey (Adamstown)	
H. Muir (West Wallsend)	A. Dunne (Adamstown)	
Alec Cameron (Adamstown)	Bill Coolahan (West Wallsend)	
H. Coates (New Lambton)	W. Podge "Maunder" (Cpt) (1) N/Lambton	
J. Johnson (Vic)	Jack O'Brien (1) New Lambton	
H. Robertson (Concord)	G. Smith (Corrimal)	

Referee J. Parsons

1928 Player Register

Adamstown

H. Johns. Arch Harris. W. Iceton. Claude Watt. Art Lambert
L. Bailey. Harold S. Parker. Alec Cameron. R. Taylor. A. Bush
J. Bush. A. Dunne. W. Morgan. Arch Connelly. Vince Turnbull
R. Watt. Hanlon. T. Hodge. J. Butterworth. G. Mitchell

New Lambton

P. Jordan. D. Morgan. R. Scott. J. Allen. Cain. J. Blair. H. Coates
J. Robertson. Jack "Dingie" O'Brien. H. Dent. F. Hayes. J. Bell
E. Spruce. J. Knott. H. James. A. Bach. Cox. W. Laddon
Bill "Podge" Maunder. J. Medlow. J. Melleys.

Cardiff

T. Simons. O. Bush. T. Williams. J. Lonsdale. T. Coates. T. McGibbon.
A. Hopkins. L. Nelson. C. Whitson. J. Henderson. H. Preston.
H. Walters. R. Post. Frank Garraty. C. Wilson. N. Givens.
A. Roy.

Wallsend Royals

Slim Tredinnick. Harry "Moon" Wood. Rags Urwin. Eck Urwin.
Keith Urwin. Jimmy Mullins. Harry "Snow" Hetherington
Tom "Lucky" Hetherington. Jack Murnain. Bill Walker.
Bob Mullens. W. McCormack. W. Jackson. A. Lang.

West Wallsend

Jack Coutts. S. Wood. Wagga James. W. Gracie. Roy Paddock.
Frank Coolahan. Bill Coolahan. H. Muir. Dave Kaiser.
Di McLaughlin. Les Brown. C. James. Clarrie Coutts.
Ern Richardson. Daniels.

Holmesville

A. Paterson. E. O'Donnell. W. Erickson. W. Linton. J. Lennox.
A. Straker. M. Cameron. A. Pilcher. W. Kell. T. Linton. J. Muir.
Wal McKenzie. R. Strang. W. Humphries. A. O'Donnell.

Grades And Clubs

3rd Grade

New Lambton. Summerhill. West Wallsend. West Wallsend.
Dudley. Stockton. Hamilton North. Heaton. Teralba. Heaton
Speers Point. Broadmeadow. Fords.

4th Grade

Adamstown. Wallsend. New Lambton. Holmesville. Cardiff
Charlestown. Redhead. Hamilton North. Mayfield. Boolaroo.
Merewether Advance. Teralba. Hamilton. Avaba. East Greta
Catherine Hill Bay. Broadmeadow.

Time was — say, 40, 50 and 60 years ago — when notions of "Wasty" identified for most people in the North one of the great federal terms and records of success in soccer rather than it did the thrifty, lively town of West Waukegan, from which the tide came.

In those two years West Wimmera (team) was the Gardner Cup, virtually the NSW championship four times and lost twice in the final and was either top or second top team in the South.

1912. Won Kitt Cuy
symbolic of Northw. M
gram 45)

1918 Lost Gardiner Cup
first, 3 out of 4 games. First
league won Ellis Cup won
Kerr Cup.

1910: Won Kurt Cup.
1921 Won Gardner Cu

defeating Graduate 2-
won Euz Cup.
1922 Los Garding C

1922 Lost Ontario
form. 1-nd. to Ontario
was 1st Cup.

1973 Won Gardiner O
defeating Sydney, 3 mi.
1974 Won Gardiner O

1924 Won Gardiner Cup
defeating Woonah. 3-1
won Kitz Cup.

was KIP Corp.
1923 was E. H. C.
was Stevens Corp.

1935. Won Gardner
defeating Adamson.

at Mount Park was 2
Cut son Services Co.
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and finish of the work
work—not by a long ch

Frederick in 1897 and
formed in 1896, the
has a flu of magnitude

has a list of significant
to read about, from the
now

In the 20 years from the information the team won the Northern competition in 1895-96-99, 1901-02-04-12-17-19-20 The Gardner Cup was won in 1900-01-02-03-04-05-06 The East Cup won in 1896-97-98-99-1901-02-1902-03-04-05-06 The Kerr Cup was won in 1918-19-20-21-22-23 The club's team won the State League Cup in 1930 the State Cup in 1931 the Northern Cup in 1931, the Northern Shield in 1912, the County Cup in 1915-16

There has been much speculation since the Golden Years Tour, nothing to suggest what has gone before. Neither has the club been able to produce in the past years in many players of the brilliance, quality and in such numbers as those who were the club's north-south stars.

The club was first known as the West Weymouth Blue Birds in the days when it was impossible to find team the tag of a first-class former Adamstown Club remains to this day.

According to local
men, noted historians, S
Sed Grant knew the site
was formed by a group
of Seminoles and it is a

of the island is the North
and it was, in the same
industry who worked at the
measure by the sea to be
so long, in the sea, the
center in the West. The
area was almost a flat
with very few mountains
clones with which it was
away hours after which
much time was spent on
the island ground from the
hours developed the
loyalty, the spirit, the
and the landscape that
was William's focus.

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The players were, in li
narrated, "one big happy
family". This is evidenced
by the teams which played
in the Gardner Cup final
on Oct. 19, 1923-24. Only
12 players were used in
those matches. These played
in all four—the brothers,
Clarence and Jack Cowell and
Henry Maunders, Foss—
H. ("Busher") James, W.
("Fodge") Maunders, Di Bi-
lauphina, Frank Coombs—
played in three, five
Billy Smith, Tommy Coates,
Tommy Smead, C. Ross,
H. ("Bunsy") Muri and Les
Brown each played twice.
What a team could be made.

The remaining seven, who each played in one game, were Dick Snedden, for many years regarded as the

Frank Hayes, Bill Eakins, Ernie Anderson, C. ("Waggs") Jones, D. Kaurst and Sid Manners would have

Some were full at the
best in 1931 when the
Wichita was the
Cup, no side the
Jack Conner, S. Woods, R.
Mancini, Ed. Conner
who captured the
1937, Gene Conner, Frank
Conner, Bob Conner
"Bugs" James, Joe
"Burr" Hughes, Ernie
Richards, Di Meloy

The names of all the great players read like Who's Who is Sport. To pinpoint some, and on some, there was Clint Castle, one of the North Atlantic greats, a big-headed bad back and one of the great of the back-sweeper, who played in a minor league and is now a free agent.

These there was the renumbered 34E ("Podge" Mauser, a son of "Doomy" Mauser, who played in the West in which was the Gard. Cup in 1900 and 1901 "Podge" Mauser was soccer player in the 1902. He came from the West played the West Wales at the side of grass seed in the year of 1904 & 1905. He played for and



raised Australia many times
his bronze "Heavy" ("H
Hear") was also an inte
national and a full-back
care ability.

The Coolahans' first and first, played for Australia. "Wags" James was another first: international was "Bunny" Muir. One has done no more in British the surface when appear in the first place.

The line is long and one reads that, even as evidence that there are many who deserve it, he did not gain an information. But men their great reward but to have been member of the team. West Wendell's dream? West Wendell's dream? satisfaction could any player like?

Representative Appearances.

From 1884-1928

Bobby Austin(Weston) Goalkeeper)
 1920 NSW V Queensland
 1920 NSW v Queensland
 1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
 1921 NSW V Queensland
 1921 NSW v Queensland
 1921 Newcastle v Queensland
 1922 South Maitland British Football Association v
 Queensland(Capt)
 1922 Newcastle v Queensland(Capt)
 1923 Australia v New Zealand(3rd Test)
 1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
 New Zealand
 1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
 New Zealand
 1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
 Victoria
 1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
 China(Please Read Story)
 1924 Australia v Canada 4th & 5th Test
 1925 Newcastle v England
 1925 Northern District v England
 1925 South Maitland British Football Association v
 England
 1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
 Bohemia
 1929 The Rest v NSW.

W.Ashton(Weston)
 1909 South Maitland British Football Association v
 West Australia.

W.Acres(West Wallsend)
 1912 NSW V Queensland
 1913 Newcastle v Queensland
 1913 NSW v Queensland

Jack Avis(Weston)
 1922 South Maitland British Football Association v
 Australia
 1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
 Victoria(Capt)
 1923 NSW v China(Capt)
 1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
 New Zealand(Capt)
 1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
 New Zealand
 1925 South Maitland British Football Association v
 England.

Jack Avis

H.Ashcroft(Kurri Kurri)

- 1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
- 1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
- 1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
- 1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia
- 1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia

Fred Alberts(Merewether Advance)

- 1915 Newcastle v Queensland
- 1915 NSW v Queensland

W. Brown (Cessnock)
1921 Newcastle v Queensland

Lawson Bailey (Adamstown)
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v South Maitland British Football Assoc.
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 NSW v China 1923 Newcastle v China
1923 Australia v China (2nd Test)
1925 Newcastle v England
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1928 NSW v Queensland
1928 NSW v Australia
1928 NSW v Victoria
1928 NSW v Australia
1928 NSW v Queensland

Les Brown (Wallsend / West Wallsend / Cessnock)
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 South Maitland British Football Association v
Australia
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
Newcastle
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
1924 Australia v Canada (4th Test)
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
1924 Newcastle v Queensland
1925 Australia v England (1st Test) *Les Brown*
1925 Newcastle v England



J. Bellamy (Weston)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland

F. Bartley (Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

H. Butcher (Mayfield)
1922 Newcastle v Queensland

N.Brennan(West Wallsend)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

G.Barr(Minmi Rangers)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland

A.Baillie(Wallsend Rovers)
1898 NSW v Queensland

F.Bartley(Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

J.Barry(Adamstown)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

G.Brown(Wallsend Rovers)
1923 Newcastle v Queensland

G.Bower(Wallsend Rovers)
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria



George Bower.

R.Bower(Kurri Kurri)
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
Victoria
1923 South Maitland British Football Association v
New Zealand
1924 Newcastle v Queensland

Brennan(Cessnock)
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China

Jim Beddow(Kurri Kurri)Continued next Volume)
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
China
1927 South Maitland British Football Association v
Bohemia
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v China

Jack Bush(Adamstown Rosebud)
1924 Newcastle v Combined Service Squadron Royal Navy
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 Newcastle v China

Alec "Sandy" Cameron (Adamstown) Continued next Volume)

1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1925 Newcastle v England
1925 Northern District v England
1925 Newcastle v England
1926 NSW v Queensland
1926 Newcastle v Sydney
1927 NSW v China
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Australia v China (1st & 2nd Tests)
1927 Australia v Bohemia (1st, 2nd, 3rd Tests)
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1928 NSW v Queensland
1928 NSW v Queensland
1928 NSW v Victoria
1928 Australia tour Dutch East Indies
1928 Australia v NSW.

A. Charlesworth (Wallsend Rovers)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

Jimmy Curran (Minmi Rangers)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

Clarrie Coutts (West Wallsend Bluebells)
1918 Newcastle v Sydney
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
1925 Newcastle v England
1925 Northern District v England
1926 Newcastle v Sydney
1927 Australia v China (1st, 3rd Tests (Capt))
1928 NSW v Australia
1929 Newcastle v SMBFA.



G. Coulson (East Greta)
1909 South Maitland British Football Association v
West Australia

J. Campbell (West Wallsend)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

D. Clarke (Cessnock)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland
1915 Newcastle v Queensland

D. Cain (Minmi Rangers)
1913 Newcastle v Victoria

Peter Coppock(Hamilton)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1920 NSW v Queensland

Albert "Poker" Creighton(Weston)
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 Australia v China(2nd Test)
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v Victoria
1923 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
1923 NSW v Victoria(Capt)

Tommy Coates(West Wallsend Bluebells)
1920 NSW v Queensland
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v Canada.

Jack Coutts(West Wallsend Bluebells)
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia



Harold Coates(Adamstown Rosebuds)
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron
1924 Newcastle v Queensland
1928 Australia tour, Dutch East Indies
1928 Australia v NSW
1928 NSW v Queensland

E. Creighton(Newcastle)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

R.G. Campbell(Adamstown Rosebud)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia
1909 NSW v West Australia
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

G. Cartwright(East Greta)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

R.Cartwright(East Greta)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

F.Corrigan(Cessnock)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

J.Cameron(Adamstown Rosebud)
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria

Frank Coolahan(West Wallsend)
1924 Newcastle v British Fleet
1925 Newcastle v England
1925 Northern District v England
1925 Australia v England(4th Test)
1925 NSW v England
1925 NSW v England
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 NSW v China
1927 Australia v China(1st & 3rd Test)
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 Australia v Bohemia(1st Test)
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1928 NSW v Victoria
1928 Australia tours Dutch East Indies
1928 Australia v NSW
1932 Newcastle v Victoria

Albert Creighton(Newcastle)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

A. Dunne(Adamstown Rosebud)
1928 NSW v Australia

Jack Drinkwater(Aberdare)To be continued next Volume.
1923 SMBFA v Victoria
1926 NSW v Queensland
1926 NSW v Queensland
1927 SMBFA v Bohemia
1927 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China

Jack Doyle(Adamstown Rosebud)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1905 NSW v New Zealand
1905 NSW V New Zealand

Peter Doyle(Adamstown Rosebud)
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 Australia tour New Zealand
1922 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
1923 Australia v New Zealand(1st,second,and 3hird Test
1923 NSW v New Zealand) Capt)
1923 NSW V Victoria
1924 Australia v China(1st,Second,and Third
1924 NSW v Canada(4th Test)



J. Edgerton (Adamstown Rosebud.
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

Bob "Brolgey" Elgey (Adamstown Rosebud)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1905 NSW v New Zealand
1905 NSW v New Zealand
1905 Newcastle v West Australia
1905 NSW v West Australia
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

Albert Elliott (Merevether Advance)
1913 Newcastle v Queensland

J. Farrey (Weston)
1925 SMBFA v England
1925 SMBFA v Queensland
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China

David Gilchrist(Wallsend Rovers)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

John Gilchrist(Wallsend Rovers)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

J.George Adamstown Rosebud)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1909 Newcastle v West Australia
1909 NSW v West Australia

J.Gill(Mayfield)
1923 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria

W.Gill(Mayfield)
1923 Newcastle v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v Queensland

T.Green(Kurri Kurri)
1925 NSW v England

A.Gibson(Weston)
1927 SMBFA v China

Jack Gilmour(Weston)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland
1915 Newcastle v Sydney
1922 SMBFA v Australia
1923 SMBFA v Newcastle
1923 SMBFA v China
1923 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 Australia v New Zealand(2nd Test)
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1924 Australia v Canada(4th ,5th (Tests)
1924 NSW v Canada
1924 NSW v Queensland
1924 NSW v Queensland
1924 Newcastle v Special Services Squadron Royal Navy.

Eddie Hodge(Cessnock/Hamilton) Continued next Volume
 1925 SMBFA v England
 1927 SMBFA v China
 1927 NSW v China
 1927 Australia v China(2nd,3rd Tests)
 1927 Australia v Bohemia(2nd,3rd Tests)
 1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

Frank Hay(West Wallsend Bluebells)
 1922 Newcastle w SMBFA
 1923 Newcastle w SMBFA
 1923 Australia v China(2nd Test)
 1923 Newcastle v China
 1923 Newcastle w New Zealand
 1923 Newcastle w Victoria

C.Harrison(Wallsend Rovers)
 1913 Newcastle v Queensland

J.Harrison(Wallsend Rovers)
 1913 Newcastle v Queensland

Roy Harden(Cessnock)
 1909 SMBFA v West Australia

W.Howe(Cessnock)
 1909 SMBFA v West Australia

R.Henderson(Kurri Kurri)
 1922 Newcastle v Queensland

G.Hunter(Burwood United)
 1888 Newcastle v Victoria

P.Hogan(Newcastle United)
 1926 NSW v Queensland

T.E.Hill(Aberdare)
 1927 SMBFA v China

W.Haddow(Minmi Rangers)
 1890 Newcastle v Queensland

W.Harrison(Wallsend Rovers)
 1898 NSW v Queensland

J.Harden(Cessnock)
 1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

Arch Harris(Adamstown)
1924 Newcastle v Sydney
1925 Northern Districts v England
1925 Newcastle = England
1925 Australia = England(4th Test)
1927 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1927 Newcastle = China
1927 Newcastle = Bohemia
1928 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
1928 NSW v Victoria(Capt)
1928 Australia tour Dutch East Indies
1928 Australia v NSW

Archie Jackson(Wallsend Rovers/Newcastle West)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria
1888 NSW v Queensland(Capt)

G.Jones(Wallsend Rovers)
1915 Newcastle v Queensland

H.James(West Wallsend Bluebells)
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy

Jimmy Johnston(Wallsend)
1924 NSW v Queensland

P.Jordon(New Lambton)
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1927 Newcastle Bohemia
1927 Newcastle v China
1928 NSW v Victoria

F.Jennings(Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

W.Jennings(Adamstown)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia

J.Jones(Merewether Advance)
1909 Newcastle v West Australia

T.Jowett(East Greta)
1909 SMBFA v West Australia

R.Jackson(Hamilton Athletic)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

S.Kidd(Cessnock)
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 SMBFA v China

Charlie Kilpatrick(Minmi Rangers)
1888 NSW v Victoria
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

C.Knudson(West Wallsend)
1915 NSW v Queensland

Arthur Lambert(Adamstown)

1922 Newcastle v Queensland
 1922 Newcastle v SMBFA
 1923 Newcastle v China
 1923 Australia v New Zealand(2nd Test)
 1923 Newcastle v Victoria
 1923 Newcastle v SMBFA
 1924 NSW v Canada
 1924 Australia v Canada(6th Test)
 1924 Newcastle v Canada
 1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron
 1925 Australia v England(4th Test)
 1925 Newcastle v England)

Archie Lambert

Perce Lennard(Cessnock)

1921 Newcastle v Queensland
 1922 SMBFA v Australia
 1922 NSW v Australia
 1922 NSW v Queensland
 1923 Australia v New Zealand(1st,2nd,3rd Tests)
 1923 SMBFA v Victoria
 1923 NSW v Victoria
 1923 NSW v China
 1923 Australia v China(1st,2nd Tests)
 1923 SMBFA v China
 1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
 1925 Australia v England(1st,2nd,3rd,4th,5th Tests)
 1925 NSW v England
 1925 SMBFA v England
 1932 SMBFA v Queensland

**Please note.Perce Lennard playing for Australia in the
 First test in Brisbane against New Zealand scored
 Australia's first ever Home International goal

Bill Lambert(Weston)

1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
 1920 NSW v Queensland(Capt)
 1921 NSW v Queensland

F.Leece(Newcastle United)

1921 NSW v Queensland
 1921 NSW v Queensland

J.Laird(Cessnock)

1915 Newcastle v Queensland
 1915 NSW v Queensland

W.M.Lambie(Hamilton Athletic)

1888 Newcastle v Victoria
 1890 Newcastle v Queensland

Bob Liddbury(Wallsend
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1921 Newcastle v Queensland

J.Liddle(Weston)
1925 SMBFE V England

M.Lee(Adamstown)
1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

R.Leckie(West Wallsend)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

Jack Mannion(Weston)
1925 SMBFA V England
1926 NSW V Queensland
1927 SMBFA vChina
1927 SMBFA v China
1927 Australia v China(3rd Test)
1927 Newcastle v Bohemia
1927 Newcastle v China
1927 SMBFA V Bohemia

Jack Mannion

Di McLaughlin(West Wallsend)
1918 Newcastle v SMBFA
1920 Newcastle v HMS Renown
1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 NSW v Queensland
1922 NSW v Australia
1922 NSW v SMBFA
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v SMBFA
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Australia v Canada(4th Test)
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 Newcastle v Queensland

Andy McNaughton(Cessnock)
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1924 Australia v Canada (3rd,4th Tests)

Sid Masters(Kurri Kurri)
1927 SMBFA v China

S.Miller(Wallsend)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria

J.Mitchell(Minmi Rangers)
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

Bill McIlroy(Wallsend)
1888 Newcastle v Victoria
1890 Newcastle v Queensland

W.Maxwell(Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand
1909 Newcastle v West Australia

H.MuirWest Wallsend)

1923 Newcastle v China

1926 NSW v Queensland

1928 Australia tour Dutch East Indies

1928 Australia v NSW

***Please note Mr Muir's record is continued in the next Volume.

W.McCroarie(Minmi Rangers)

1888 NSW v Victoria

1888 Newcastle v Victoria

J.McCroary(Weston)

1922 Newcastle v Queensland

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 Smbfa v Victoria

1925 SMBFA v England

1925 Australia v England(1st Test)

Perce Moore(Wallsend)

1924 Newcastle v Combined Services Squadron Royal Navy

1927 Newcastle v China

1927 NSW v China

H.McKissock(Granville/Aberdare)

1927 Australia v China(1st,3rd Tests)

1927 Australia v Bohemia(2nd,3rd Tests)

1928 North v South

1928 North v South

(Please see Southern NSW Records before 1928)

G.Mason(West Wallsend)

1912 Newcastle v Tasmania

J.Melville(Newcastle)

1890 Newcastle v Queensland

W.Mathieson(Cessnock)

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v Victoria

A.McNaughton(Weston)

1909 SMBFA v West Wallsend

H.McMinimony(Wallsend)

1890 Newcastle v Queensland

J.McKay(Kurri Kurri)

1927 SMBFA v China

1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

A. McNaughton (Adamstown)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

J. Muir (West Wallsend)
1905 Newcastle v New Zealand

William "Podge" Maunder (West Wallsend)
1921 Newcastle v Queensland
1921 NSW v Queensland
1922 NSW v Queensland
1922 Australia tour New Zealand
1922 Australia v NSW
1922 Newcastle v SMBFA
1923 Australia v New Zealand (1st, 2nd, 3rd Tests)
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 Newcastle v Queensland
1924 Australia v Canada (3rd, 4th, 5th Tests)
1925 Australia v England (5th Test)
1928 NSW v Australia (Capt)



**Would you please note that William "Podge" Maunder of West Wallsend Bluebells playing for Australia in the first test in New Zealand scored Australia's very first "INTERNATIONAL GOAL" in 1923.

Henry "Hen" Maunder (West Wallsend)
1922 NSW v Queensland
1923 Newcastle v China
1923 NSW v Victoria
1923 Australia v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v SMBFA
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1924 Australia v Canada (4th Test)
1924 Newcastle v Canada
1924 NSW v Queensland
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Newcastle v Queensland
1925 Newcastle v England (Capt)
1925 Northern District v England (Capt)



Roy McNaughton(Cessnock)

1923 SMBFA v Victoria

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v New Zealand

1923 SMBFA v Newcastle

1923 SMBFA v China

1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy

1924 Australia v Canada(3rd,4th Tests)

1924 SMBFA v Canada

1925 Australia v England(1st,2nd,3rd,4th,5th Tests)

1925 NSW v England

1925 NSW v England

1925 Newcastle v England

1925 SMBFA v England

1926 Newcastle v Sydney

1927 SMBFA v Bohemia

1927 Newcastle v Bohemia

1927 Australia v Bohemia(1st Test)

1927 Newcastle v China

Roy McNaughton

Bondi Neal(Kurri Kurri)

1909 SMBFA v West Australia

Tommy Oliver(Weston)

1922 SMBFA v Australia
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v Victoria
1923 NSW v Queensland
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v New Zealand
1923 SMBFA v Newcastle
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 SMBFA v China
1923 Australia v China (1st,2nd Test)
1924 SMBFA v Canada
1924 Newcastle v Special Service Squadron Royal Navy
1924 Australia v Canada(1st,3rd,4th,6th Tests)
1924 NSW v Canada

Tom Oliver

Jimmy Orr(Cessnock)

1924 Australia v Canada(5th Test)

Ernie Owen(Wallsend)

1923 Newcastle v New Zealand
1923 Australia v New Zealand(3rd Test)
1923 NSW v New Zealand
1923 Newcastle v Victoria
1923 Newcastle v China
1924 Australia v Canada(3rd,4th Tests)
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James Jackson

James Jackson had an illustrious career spread over 18 seasons in England and Scotland and was the first home grown star player to be exported to the professional world of European football.

A strong and stocky full back, he won a Scottish Cup medal with Rangers and played in the first ever First Division seasons for both Newcastle United and Arsenal.

He was born in Cambuslang, Scotland in 1875 and arrived in Australia at the age of two.

Jackson signed for Glasgow Rangers and was part of the team that finished runners-up to Celtic in 1896 and won the Scottish F.A. Cup in 1897, beating Dumbarton 5-1 in the final.

He then moved to Newcastle United where he was a regular in the line-up of the promotion winning team of 1897-98, and with the Magpies side that reached 13th position in the top flight.

His finest and most settled period was spent with Arsenal, then known as Woolwich Arsenal, from 1899 to 1905. During his six seasons, Arsenal grew from a mid-table Second Division team to a respected power in the First, winning promotion in 1903-04. Jackson was made captain of the side and was well known for his sports outfitters shop outside Arsenal's Manor Ground in Plumstead..

Jackson had a short spell as player-manager of another promotion winning team as Leyton moved from the Southern League to the Second Division. After spending the following season at West Ham, he returned to Glasgow Rangers. In 1911 he went to Greenock Morton, after which he retired to become a blacksmith.

His son James was also a player and became captain of Liverpool.

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Visitors' Final Rush

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and James followed on. His mother-in-law
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open. Jordan appeared to be in the
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SEE-SAW SCORING

Visitors' Final Rush

FINAL SCORES
 Czechoslovakia 4
 Newcastle 3

The Czechoslovakian Soccer team defeated Newcastle by four goals to three at Hohart Park.

The Czechs scored the only goal in the first half, in the second half Newcastle put on three goals, but the visitors, with a great final dash scored three goals in succession.

When the international soccer match between Czechoslovakia and Australia was timed to start at Hohart Park today, there was a crowd of 300,000.

At a very early hour the stand was packed, and the noise all round the ground reached a high pitch. The crowd, though in excellent order, appeared to be impatient. Newcastle took the field first, followed by the Czechoslovakians, who gave their victory.

Teams:
 Czechoslovakia—Goal, F. Sedláček; full-backs, P. Dvořák, J. Kopecký; half-backs, J. Čížek, J. Kopecký; forwards, Vimmer, Křížek, Novák, Hájek, and Tichý.

Newcastle District: Goal, P. Jordan; full-backs, A. Harris and P. Dodder; half-backs, J. Chapman, J. Taylor, and L. Satter; forwards, R. James, A. Cameron, G. Russell, J. Mannion, and R. McNaughton.

Referee: Mr. F. Harvey.
 Newcastle won the toss, and played towards the Victoria goal. The Czechs kicked off, Harris putting to Russell, but a blunder, back to Křížek, who shot.

The ball went to Křížek, who shot. The Czechs had opened at a great rate, their combination being excellent, but they had the better of the opening play. Harris was injured, but after attention recovered.

The Czechs did not wear numbers, and it was difficult for the spectators to pick out the various players. The Czechs were attacking from a free kick, and were given time for passing. A moment later Russell was penalized for tripping.

The Czechs showed most combination, in which McNaughton shot to Harris, who put hard on the ball to Harris, across to him, only for Dodder to clear. Harris was tackled by Křížek, and overran the ball.

Russell followed on, and the ball came out to McNaughton, the whole game for a while as McNaughton sent it.

After a good pass from Cameron to Russell, Taylor intercepted Russell's pass to James. The ball went to him, who shot hard on the goal. Harris, who was cleared at the expense of a corner, cleared the ball away, and a few minutes later, but to McNaughton, but Harris cleared with a good header.

Newcastle was awarded a free kick, Křížek's head again intercepted it. The Czechs attacked on the right, Russell sending into the center. Taylor

intercepted, and the ball came to Taylor, who sent out to James, who cleared. McNaughton gave a good pass, but it was taken by Harris. The ball was partially cleared, but Cameron intercepted, and shot. The ball was blocked, and went out to McNaughton, who sent in a brilliant shot, which brought off a magnificent clearance. The crowd roared its approval.

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